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THE FINANCE BILL AND PROPERTY VALUATION.

The ordinary general meeting of the City of London Real Property Company, Limited, was held on June 2 at Cannon Street Hotel, Cannon Street, London, E.C.

Mr. W. E. R. Innes (chairman of the company) presided.

The Secretary (Mr. L. A. Kingscote) having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors,

The Chairman said:—The net revenue after all charges, including rates (which were more by 2d. in the £), amounted to £494,954, as compared with £516,008 last year, a reduction of £21,000. To the £494,954 has to be added £152,208 brought forward, making a total of £647,162. The Preference dividend absorbs £37,438, and the directors recommend that a dividend be declared for the year on the Ordinary shares at the rate of 5¼ per cent., less tax—the same as last year—of which three quarterly payments, amounting together to 3¾ per cent., have already been made. This will require £348,500 and leave a balance of £261,224, out of which it is proposed to place £100,000 to reserve, making the total £1,200,000, and to carry forward £161,224, an increase of £9,015 18s. 4d. I am afraid the net dividend when received will be smaller because income-tax must be deducted at 4s. 6d. in the £.

BALANCE-SHEET CHANGES.

The most important alteration in the balance-sheet is the transfer of the income-tax reserve of £70,000, which is no longer required owing to the success of the company in resisting the claim made against it, and the rebuilding reserve of £150,000 to a sinking fund for replacement of freehold buildings, the interest on which will require a sum commencing at £8,000 a year. In about forty years, at 4 per cent., this fund should amount to a million, which will still be greatly below the value of the houses.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

on us I have no doubt trade will recover, but we have something quite fresh in the very severe depression, with taxes at an abnormal figure and increasing rapidly, while politicians clamour for more. In this connection I hope you will bear with me while I make a few remarks pointing out how the company is affected, though these are not addressed to those of you who are City men, as you are only too familiar with the subject. But there are others, very clever people, and more capable than most of us in other respects, who, having been engaged in other ploys, do not appear to believe that, like the rules of health, the guiding principles of finance are immutable and cannot permanently be avoided by manipulation, and when broken have to be paid for. Taxes and new legislation are altogether overdone, and are becoming a nightmare to those having to conduct businesses. Fresh measures are passed every year so involved that no one can understand them, and the Inland Revenue is no longer content to construe the law in the way it has been accepted and acted on for numbers of years past. If there seems a chance of obtaining a new decision which will produce more revenue they attempt to get it, and in this way the burden of taxation is added to. In the present Finance Bill there are new clauses relating to the valuation of property under which we are advised we may lose the allowance that has always been made for empty offices, and we are to have two different valuations in respect of the same property by different taxing authorities with all the attendant expense.

The Government has given figures showing that half the income of a moderately rich man is taken in income-tax and providing by insurance for death duties, without allowing for local and indirect taxation, and more than the whole of the income of a very rich man: and yet the Chancellor of the Exchequer has stated in the House of Commons that in his opinion the limit of taxation that is desirable has not yet been reached. At the same time he emphasises the need of capital saving, and complains that not enough is put by.

It is obviously impossible to have it both ways. If wealth were entirely in the form of gold which could all be kept in the country it might be argued this could be done; but since it is largely in the form of credit and quickly vanishes, it is a different matter. To tax the country to the very limit with no reserve for an emergency is doing the very thing the Chancellor complains of business men doing, and there can be no doubt of the eventual result. Unless there is a change, sooner or later the standard of living for every one will fall, as we live in a competitive world and must produce at a figure at which it is worth while other people buying from us, or we cannot survive.

FORMATION OF A TRUST COMPANY.

As you all know from the receipt of prospectuses, we have just recently formed a trust company, which was very well received and substantially over-subscribed, and in which we have invested part of our surplus funds. We have no intention of changing the nature of the company's business, and are prepared at any time to purchase property we believe to be a good investment in the City, but have considered it to our advantage to have another outlet for some of our funds, as by judicious spreading of risks we believe we can obtain a good return. We were also aware that some large shareholders were becoming nervous of having too many eggs in one basket, and therefore considered it desirable to provide some other form of investment. In regard to this we have to thank Lord St. Davids for his invaluable help. As he has been so successful in the management of his companies, we were especially grateful when he offered to provide us with one of his most able assistants to join in the direction of the company.

I beg to move: "That the report of the directors, together with the balance-sheet as signed by the auditors, be approved and adopted."

Sir Edgar Horne, Bart (vice-chairman), seconded the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

CITY CHATTER.

APATHETIC MARKETS — PRICES AND PROFITS —INDUSTRIAL POINTS—MINES GIVE WAY—OILS DISAPPOINT—RUBBER'S LOW RECORD.

(R. J. BARRETT, Financial Editor.)

Little interest is being taken by the public in the Stock markets and the course of prices, with few exceptions, was downwards during the past week. For this the money situation was partly responsible. Adverse movements in the principal foreign exchanges prevented a further reduction in Bank rate, and this with the weaker position disclosed by the return led to a fall in the prices of gilt-edged stocks. This caused realisations in other directions, and the whole "House" had a dejected appearance, the fresh low levels for tin, copper, and rubber being reflected by the shares concerned. At the close the strength of War Loan 5 per Cent. reflected the current belief that the Chancellor has missed his opportunity to bring forward a conversion scheme in the near future, the tendency of discounts now being upwards. Some think the operation will be postponed until the autumn.

An unsatisfactory feature in the Foreign Railway market was the passing of the interest on United Railways of the Havana Debentures other than the 4 per Cent. Debentures, and the announcement that a scheme of arrangement with the Debenture holders will be necessary. Following so closely upon the passing of the Second Debenture interest by the Cordoba Central Railway, the incident added to the unpopularity of Foreign Rails. The Home Railway market, too, remained out of favour, despite the prospect of good Whitsuntide traffics. Holders of Underground Electric Income bonds who do not wish to convert were selling freely. Rather than take the present price, it seems wiser to effect the exchange into Ordinary shares.

In the Foreign market chief interest is taken in the coming Reparations loan which may be issued at the end of this week. The amount is understood to be £10,000,000, and the rate of interest 5½ per cent., but whether the issue price will be 92 is not yet certain. Peruvian Corporation earnings for May were rather better than had been expected, but the condition of the exchange does not inspire confidence. Chinese loans failed to respond to the payment of drawn bonds of the Hukuang Railways loan.

PRICES AND PROFITS.

Everything, including money, is comparatively cheap to-day. Indeed, some commodities, including silver and rubber, are quoted at unprecedentedly low prices. Yet cheapness does not so far appear to be a stimulus to consumption, as it is popularly supposed to be. The fall in values in fact has checked rather than encouraged consumption. The consumer of raw materials hesitates to buy on a falling market in the hope that the longer he waits the lower the price he will have to pay. Hence, a hand-to-mouth policy is adopted, and purchases are restricted, as is also production, in the fear that it will be difficult to realise manufactured goods at a profit.

There are few companies that are not affected, directly or indirectly, by the general fall in commodity values. Obviously, the producers of such articles as wheat, cotton, sugar, coffee, tea, rubber, oils, timber, coal, iron, steel, and base metals generally must suffer losses, owing to selling prices having fallen below the prime costs of production. Consumers of these raw materials stand equally to lose owing to the slump in prices, for the simple reason that reduced values necessitate appropriate provision for the depreciation of stocks of raw materials, as well as of finished goods. The times are thus difficult for undertakings which either produce or consume staple commodities like those enumerated

Opinions differ as to the duration of the present downward movement, but in quarters whose views should command respect there is a strong belief that the end of the slump is approaching, and that the curve of prices will shortly begin to show an upward tendency. Retail prices, as usual, have lagged behind wholesale prices, but when this disparity is removed, and buyers realise that all hope of cheaper commodities must be abandoned, the public demand will revive, and trade will be on the high road to recovery.

In this connection it is worth citing the view of the Midland Bank, expressed in its monthly review, that "there seems to be some solid foundation for the hope that within a fairly short period the crisis of 1929-30 may be regarded as passed, and that the time will have come to put forward redoubled efforts to secure an upward trend of business activity and a recovery of economic welfare." A leading firm of brokers, in its monthly notes, give expression to the same idea in stating that "there are solid reasons to suggest that the recent rapid fall in commodity and money rates . . . has hastened on the pre-requisite conditions for ultimate trade revival."

ROYAL MAIL FINANCE.

The severe slump in the securities of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company seems to have been fully justified, judging by the poor results revealed in the annual report. On last year's operations of an undertaking which made a profit of £457,000 in 1928 there was a loss of £78,000, to cover which, as well as the payment of an unearned interim dividend on the Preference capital, the large sum of £300,000 has to be withdrawn from the insurance reserve. A surplus of £151,000 then remains to be carried forward (in contrast with £46,000 brought in), but it is evidently more apparent than real.

As the auditors (Messrs. Price Waterhouse and Co.) are careful to point out, the investments in subsidiary and allied companies are included at values which are considerably in excess of present values. They also qualify the accounts of three of the subsidiaries, of one of which it is said that the amount provided for the depreciation of fleet may not be adequate.

It is evident in these circumstances that some scheme of financial reorganisation will have to be faced sooner or later. At present investments are over-valued—to what extent is not indicated—and provision will have to be made for their depreciation. At the same time the question of the book value of the fleets of the parent company and its subsidiaries' fleets will have to be seriously considered. Now that Preference charges have fallen into arrear and reserves and cash resources have been substantially depleted the company cannot expect to carry on successfully on the basis of its present capitalisation. It is to be hoped that at the meeting the chairman (Lord Kylsant) will inform the shareholders as to what steps are being taken to formulate the inevitable scheme of reconstruction.

INDUSTRIAL POINTS.

So little public demand was experienced that the bears found an easy prey in the leading Industrial counters Cables and Wireless, Gramophones and Unilevers were assailed in turn, and prices fell out of all proportion to the extent of the selling.

In the Stores group Harrods and John Barkers were offered on the theory that the current year's results, owing to the slackness of general trade, will prove less satisfactory. Similar rumours with regard to the coming Waring and Gillow report were promptly denied, and the bears were forced to cover.

Sudan Plantations were offered on the directors' statement indicating the probability of a lower dividend, and Hudson Bays weakened, the market having prepared for the smaller distribution by the fall in wheat prices and the unprecedented slump in the fur trade. Ever Ready gave way on the increase in the capital, although no new issue is contemplated.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking shares were adversely affected by the record low price of silver, but Australian Banks had a better tendency, although the absence of the usual bonus declaration by Goldsborough Mort and Co. is an indication of the depression in Australian trade.

J. Lyons and Co., to which attention has been drawn as a sound Industrial investment, kept very firm in anticipation of larger profits. Niger Company new 5 per Cent. Guaranteed Debentures proved popular with investors, rising to ⅝ premium. Scribbans again attracted support, based on the belief that the company has had a good year.

Bleachers were the best spot in the Textile group, the extent of the fall in profits being slight in comparison with the decline that had taken place in the shares. Cotton shares generally show a rallying tendency owing to the belief that the Indian embargo on British textile goods is likely to be lifted. The labour situation in the woollen industry also appears less strained.

Iron, Coal and Steel shares generally continue to sag, the Armstrong-Whitworth Securities report providing little encouragement, although satisfaction was expressed at the maintenance of the Guest Keen dividend in such a difficult year. In the shipping group Royal Mails weakened further in anticipation of the report which showed reduced profits, although the rumour of a scheme of reorganisation was unconfirmed.

Swedish Industrials received support on any set-back, the report of the International Match Corporation giving further evidence of the ability with which this group is managed and the extent of its ramifications. The weakness in Cables and Wireless is to some extent justified by the reduction in telegraph rates, but the fall is now believed to have gone far enough. Holders of the Preference stock certainly should not be frightened into selling.

"The Financial Times" Meeting.

Lord Camrose's speech at the annual meeting of *The Financial Times*, fully reported on this page, will be read by shareholders with much interest and satisfaction. The experience of the past year, as he said, proves the timeliness of the warning he gave twelve months ago that the business of finance, like any other, has its ups and downs. Yet in spite of unforeseen and uncontrollable events, *The Financial Times* maintained unchallenged its proud position as the pre-eminent newspaper for investors and the best-used medium for those desiring to appeal for their support, the volume of its prospectus and company meeting advertising continuing to be greater than that of any newspaper in the country. Profits, though reduced, cannot, as the chairman said, be regarded as unsatisfactory, and shareholders will note that while the dividend is limited to 10 per cent., the extra amount carried forward after reserve and other appropriations, was nearly sufficient to provide 5 per cent. additional, had times been more propitious.

INVESTMENT HINTS.

A line of British Steamship Investment Trust deferred is offered at 184 and shows a yield of £5 18s. 6d. per cent. The company's investments are by no means confined to shipping, but are mainly in gilt-edged securities. After providing for the Preferred dividend the profit earned on the Deferred stock for 1929 was £163,333, or over 9 per cent. In 1920 the company distributed a capital bonus of 100 per cent. on the Deferred stock, and in course of time a further bonus distribution may reasonably be expected.

City of London Brewery 20 per cent. non-Cumulative Preferred Ordinary shares at 64s. yield 6¼ per cent. The company no longer operates as an active brewery, but is rather a finance and investment company holding valuable sites as well as a controlling interest in Stansfeld and Co., brewers, Nalder and Collyer's Brewery Co., and City and Continental Wharves and Transport. Net profits for 1929 amounted to £196,585, of which dividends on the two 6 per cent. Preference shares required £71,814, and the dividend on the 20 per cent. Preferred Ordinary £94,348, a sum of £30,000 being placed to dividend equalisation fund and £27,341 carried forward.

Several Argentine Government loans are approaching their final redemption dates, and investors who are seeking short-term bonds giving a reasonable return may like to have their attention directed to these. The 4½ per cent. 1888 loan is especially useful, since, although the yield at 98 is only £4 12s. 10d. per cent., this is increased to £6 2s. per cent. by redemption, which is by half-yearly drawings to be completed in 1933. The 5 per cent. Northern Central Railway loan of 1887 is also due to be finally repaid in 1933, and the 5 per cent. Railway loan of 1890 in the following year. Both of these yield £5 19s. per cent., including redemption. The 4½ per cent. 1889 loan falls due in 1934, and the 5 per cent. Buenos Aires Water and 5 per cent. Port of Buenos Aires Debentures in 1936.

Owing to liquidation, Foster Clark 10s. shares are obtainable at 49s. 6d., showing a yield of 7 per cent. on the 35 per cent. dividend paid last time. They have been previously recommended, and the expansion of the business is believed to be satisfactory, so that a further increase in profits for the year ending in September may be reasonably expected. As a speculative Industrial investment the shares appear hopeful.

MINES GIVE WAY.

In the main the factors affecting Mining shares have been unfavourable. Nervousness over the Franco-Italian situation has induced Paris selling of international counters, such as Central Mining, De Beers, and Rio Tinto. In the absence both of inside support and of speculation on the part of professionals, leading Northern Rhodesians have sunk back. Copper has experienced a marked relapse, tin reached the lowest level seen for twenty years; silver was at one time down to 1s. 3⅞d. per oz.—the worst on record. In the two last-named metals a partial recovery can be recorded. As affecting tin, a fairly general suspension of production for two or three months may be carried into effect.

By exception, the shares of gold-producing companies have been the subject of quiet but persistent inquiry. Undertakings of this class stand to benefit from the fall in commodities. Lower charges for stores, materials, etc., mean higher profits. In the case of the Rand there are also interesting possibilities in connection with the appointment of a Commission to consider the position of the low-grade mines; Western Australians have the prospect of a bonus on gold production. Substantially increased earnings for May were reported by several of the Rand companies—in especial Sub Nigel, New Modder, Randfontein, and East Rand.

OILS DISAPPOINT.

Business in Oil shares failed to respond to the excellence of the majority of results of the past year's working now coming to hand. As in other sections of the Stock Exchange, public interest in the Oil share market is practically negligible and professional operators continue to stand aloof.

The situation of the industry in America is exerting very little influence, the general opinion being that the conservation problem is well under control. Californian operators appear to be making a real effort to check over-production, and the only unfavourable news received in that connection concerns the new Hobbs Field in New Mexico. This promises to become an oil pool of some magnitude, and should production come up to present estimates the problem of oil conservation may be greatly complicated.

Anglo-Persian profits reached a record figure, and some recovery occurred from the low price touched after the announcement of the dividend. The market is discussing the possibilities of the announcement of a share bonus at the general meeting which is to be held on June 17. Paris was a heavy seller during last week of oil shares dealt in in that centre, and lower prices resulted for the Eagle issues, Shell Transports, and Royal Dutch. The report of the Royal Dutch Company shows net profits for 1929 to have been 126,471,391 florins, against 103,367,780 florins in 1928. Phœnix Oil and Transports met with some inquiry on the publication of the production figures for May, which constitute a record in the history of the company.

Lobitos came back after the meeting, and V.O.C. were offered on the report, in which profits for the past year are shown to be smaller. The recent support which New York has given to Creoles was explained by the receipt of the report, which indicates that profits for last year amounted to 2,434,189 dollars, as compared with 611,731 dollars for the previous year.

RUBBER'S LOW RECORD.

On Monday news was received that Malayan shipments for May were above 49,000 tons, against only 43,500 tons the previous month, and general weakness developed in the Mincing Lane raw rubber market as a result. During that day spot was sold at a new low record of 6¾d. per lb., or ¼d. below the previous low level of 6¾d. which was recorded during May, and also in 1922, just prior to the inauguration of the Stevenson Restriction Scheme.

Support proved lacking even at the lower levels, and throughout the week each day saw a fresh low level recorded. On Friday spot was sold down to 6 5-16d., a fall of over ⅛d. on the period. The market closed at 1 p.m. on that day until Tuesday morning, and towards the finish the tone became steadier, with buyers for spot at 6⅜d. Stocks of raw rubber in London and Liverpool are believed to have been little changed during the past seven days.

Dull conditions developed in the share market, and a fair amount of stock came on offer as a result of the weakness of the commodity.

Tea shares were a very quiet market, with the tone rather dull. Jokais and Pandans were weak features on the disappointing dividends, but a little inquiry for New Sylhets and Taras raised the prices of these. Auction results were lower, with the total average price working out at 1/2.36, against 1/3.21 the previous week, and 1/4.01 for the corresponding sales a year ago.

THE OUTLOOK.

Cheap money is, unfortunately, accompanied by lack of purchasing power on the part of the public, and the coming short business week is not likely to produce much activity. The rapidly changing political situation suggests that the next happenings that may powerfully influence the Stock Exchange may come from that quarter. Meanwhile the tendency must be to play for safety; and a continuance of the liquidation in the more speculative markets, accompanied by a persistent demand for gilt-edged securities, seems the most probable course of events.

At such times as the present those who have courage and vision can purchase at low prices shares which will pay to hold for eventual improvement. Because some commodities have fallen to the lowest prices on record, it does not follow that they will not go lower still, but the balance of probability is that they will recover, and recover substantially, within the next year or two. Therefore those who lay in good shares cannot be accused of taking excessive risk.

Further appreciation in gilt-edged stocks is probable, not only because safety is the chief consideration with investors at the present time, but because the conversion of a substantial proportion of the National Debt on a lower-interest basis is believed to be merely postponed, possibly until the autumn. Apparently the Government has had its hands too full of other problems recently to give this matter sufficient attention, but it must be obvious that there can be no permanent health in trade and no substantial reduction of unemployment until industry is relieved of some of the burdens of taxation that it has to bear. And among other economies that which would naturally suggest itself to a Chancellor of the Exchequer would be to effect a permanent reduction in the interest on the debt while conditions are favourable for such an operation.

PAST WEEK'S MARKET FEATURES

	May 30.	June 6.	+ Rise or —Fall.
GILT-EDGED.			
War Loan 5%	102⅞	102⅝	+ ¼
Conversion 5%	103⅝	103½	— ⅛
Do. 4½%	98⅞	98⅝	— ¼
Do. 3½%	78½	77⅝	— ⅞
Funding 4%	90⅜	89⅜	— 1
Consolidated 4%	89	88	— 1
India 3%	52½	51½	— 1
L.C.C. 4½%	¼ pm	⅜ pm	+ ⅛
FOREIGN.			
Belgian 7%	110	110½	+ ½
German 7%	106½	106¾	+ ¼
Peru Pref.	46¼	45¾	— ½
Turk. Unified	12	11	— 1
HOME AND FOREIGN RAILS.			
Gt. Western	83¾	83	— ¾
L. M. and S.	49	48⅛	— ⅞
Underground Inc.	111⅛	108¾	— 2¾
Entre Rios	80½	78½	— 2
Leopoldina	51¼	49xd	—
United Havana	14	10½	— 3½
Do. Pref.	20½	14	— 6½
Do. 5% Deb.	42½	32	— 10½
INDUSTRIALS			
Allied Newspapers	1⅝	1⅜ xd	— ⅛
Amalgmtd. Press	22/6	22/- xd	—
Daily Mail Trust	3	3	—
Unilever New	12/-	9/4½	— 2/1½
Edison Bell	17/6	20/-	+ 2/6
Lautaro Pref.	2⅞	3½	+ ⅝
Turner & Newall	3½	3⅜	— ⅛
Hydro-Electric	493⅛	461½	— 31⅛
Austin Motor	30/-	28/-	— 2/-
Nat. Omnibus	25/3	27/6	+ 2 3
Cables & W. "A."	45	41	— 4
Cables & W. "B."	20	18	— 2
Swedish Match 'B'	16⅛	15⅛	— 1
MINES.			
Central Mining	17¾	16x	— 1⅛
Bwana M'Kubwa	16/6	16/-	— /6
Congo Borders	18½	16½	— 2
N'Changa	3⅜	3⅞	— ⅛
Globe and Phœnix	13/3	13/9	+ /6
Rio Tinto	39⅛	37¾	— 2
London Tin	21/6	21/-	— /6
Burma Corp.	12/-	11/-	— 1/-
Santa Gertrudis	8/3	8/9	+ /6
OILS.			
Anglo-Persian	41¼	43⅛	+ 1⅞
Burmah	4½	4½	+ ⅛
Lobitos	2/6	2/3	— ⅛
Royal Dutch	33⅜	32¾	— ⅝
Shell Transport	4⅜	4¾	— ⅛
V.O.C.	2⅛	2⅛	— ⅛
RUBBERS.			
Rubber Trusts	31/6	29/10½	— 1/7½
Malayalam	22/6	20/3	— 2/3
Allied Sumatra	13/-	11/10½	— 1/1½
Malacca	1¼	1⅛	— ⅛
TEAS.			
Tara	5⅞	5¾	+ ⅛
New Sylhet	1½	1¾	+ ⅛
Jokai	3¼	2⅞	— ⅜
Pandan	19/6	15/-	— 4/6

COMPANY MEETINGS.

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POSITION WELL MAINTAINED.

LORD CAMROSE'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

The second annual general meeting of *The Financial Times*, Ltd., was held on Friday last at the registered offices of the company, 72, Coleman Street, London, E.C.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Camrose (chairman of the company) presided.

The Secretary (Mr. H. A. Randall, F.I.C.S.) having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, I assume you will take the course usual on these occasions and take the report and accounts as read. (Agreed.)

Turning to the Report, you will see that after payment of directors' fees, making full allowance for depreciation, and full provision for income-tax, the profit for the year amounts to £131,336 15s. 2d. Adding to this the amount brought forward from last year gives a total of £154,152 9s. 4d. After deducting preference dividend, absorbing £56,000, interim dividend on the Ordinary shares of 7½ per cent., less tax, paid last May, £30,000, and £10,000 placed to capital reserve account, there remains the sum of £58,152 9s. 4d.

We recommend that this sum should be dealt with in the following way:—

To general reserve £10,000, raising that item to £91,964 5s. To payment of final dividend on the Ordinary shares of 2½ per cent., less tax at 4s. 6d., making 10 per cent. for the year, leaving to carry forward £38,464 19s. 4d., as against £22,815 14s. 2d. brought in. We are carrying forward some £16,000 more than last year, and this sum would have provided nearly an additional 5 per cent. on the Ordinary shares had times been more propitious.

Finally, we propose taking £31,964 5s. from the general reserve and writing this amount off preliminary expenses, thus reducing that item to £50,000 and leaving the general reserve at £60,000.

Owing to requirements of the Companies Acts, 1929, you will note certain alterations in the presentation of the accounts. "Plant, machinery" disappears altogether, and "stock in trade" is £487 13s. 9d., as against £21,815 17s. 3d. last year; but these are now included in "Investments in Subsidiary Companies," standing at £481,634 15s. 1d. These assets are all practically held by the St. Clements Press, the entire share capital of which is owned by this company. Against "Sundry Trade Creditors and Provision for Income-tax," £74,911 18s. 2d., there are "Sundry Trade Debtors, Loan, Prepayments, and Cash," totalling £214,919 10s. 4d.

The experience of the past year illustrates the timeliness of the reminder I gave in my address a year ago that the business of finance, like any other, has its ups and downs. From the profit-earning point of view the past year was not so good as the record set up by its predecessors. The earlier months, as I explained, promised excellently. Subsequent events, which nobody could hope to control, must be held accountable for the reduction of profit. In all the circumstances the figures presented in the report will not be accounted unsatisfactory.

THE PAPER'S LEADING POSITION.

You will want to know—and this is the acid test of the vitality of the business—whether, relatively to other journals, *The Financial Times* has maintained that outstanding position which it had held over a period of many years. I am able to assure you, with the utmost confidence, that we maintain in every respect our proud position as the pre-eminent newspaper for investors and the best-used medium for those who desire to appeal to them or elicit their support.

It was true of the past year, and it is equally true of the current period, to say that in respect of prospectus advertising, the publication of company meetings, and other financial announcements, *The Financial Times* has carried, as is customary, the highest proportion of any newspaper in the country. The total number of prospectus advertisements inserted in *The Financial Times* during this period was 405, occupying space to the amount of 637 columns. The total amount involved was approximately £306,770,000. *No other journal in the country equalled this total*, either in number of prospectuses or in number of columns occupied.

In the same period *The Financial Times* contained reports of the meetings of 2,007 companies, occupying 2,149 columns of space. These figures are far in excess, both in number of meetings and columns, *of the record of any other newspaper in the country.*

Nor do its trade advertisements reveal any lack of vitality; the growing number of commercial houses who utilise its columns recognise that the direct appeal which they are offered to a moneyed public places *The Financial Times* among the most effective vehicles of publicity.

The fact that we continue to command in so remarkable a degree the confidence of the business world is in no small part the outcome of a constructive policy. As their reception has shown, the various special supplements published, to which I will make more detailed reference later, have made a real contribution to the promotion of intercourse between this and other countries, Empire and foreign.

FINANCIAL INQUIRIES.

Not least in importance among the features of *The Financial Times* is its daily column of answers to inquiries on problems of investment. Again, during the past year some tens of thousands of queries were answered. If the questioner has not always received advice as bullish as he hoped, he has, at any rate, been able to rely upon both disinterested and balanced replies from a staff which has no end to serve except that of the readers of the paper. There is one index to the quality of the advice given which I may be permitted to mention. It is this: a very large number of correspondents, drawn alike from those who have many investments and those who are concerned to secure sound guidance on the safe placing of small amounts of capital, return repeatedly to us for advice.

A year of marked changes in financial conditions embraced the commencement of the new Companies Act. That measure was fully discussed in our columns, which welcomed the best provisions, many of which it had urged for a long time, and had something to say of the weaker features of the instrument.

While on the question of safeguarding the investor, it might be well to recall that *The Financial Times* was always among the leaders in the struggle to eliminate the less desirable features of company promotion and share-vending in the years before Government addressed itself to the task of tightening up the law. Many are the financial adventurers, of both home and foreign extraction, who have had their wiles exposed in our columns and a period put to their harmful activities. *The Financial Times* stands as the pre-eminent investors' journal for dealing through properly organised and controlled bodies, and will continue to expose those who do not conform to the high standards requisite to safe dealing and the protection of the public.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

We meet, unfortunately, this year under conditions of almost unexampled difficulty for the trade of the country. The abnormal relationship between production and consumption is an international phenomenon of magnitude, the correction of which is not yet in sight. While foreign affairs, like the slump on Wall Street, must be held responsible in part for the current depressed conditions at home, it is true also that amelioration of working conditions for capital, which is essential to the recovery of prosperity, is slow to come. It is not surprising, perhaps, that the nation should show signs of turning from its old fiscal faith of unrestricted imports as the result of its anxious examination of ways and means to keep up the standard of living in this country. We have to reckon, too, with the Coal Mines Bill as an uncertain factor, while other legislation contemplated by Government threatens to raise fresh obstacles to industrial and financial recovery. There can be no doubt that the addition to the taxation burden imposed by the last Budget has done much to retard the upgrowth of confidence and enterprise.

The general prospect lacks clarity; but while recognising the imperfections of the moment, we are not pessimists with regard to the future of *The Financial Times*. Its financial position is sound, its organisation excellent, and the confidence it commands among both readers and advertisers undiminished. This is true both at home and abroad. Overseas, the number of special correspondents retained at the service of the paper has grown, since our assumption of proprietorship, from three to nearly forty. The latest news and views from all the leading centres abroad, thereby made available daily to the readers of *The Financial Times*, play no small part in the maintenance of that outstanding position which we are fully determined to retain.

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTS.

The special supplements we issue from time to time—especially those of international scope like the Banking Supplement—exemplify the world-wide ramifications of *The Financial Times* and the position it has attained as a journal of the highest standing. A striking feature of the Banking Supplement is the array of distinguished contributors, these including many of the world's leading bankers, statesmen, diplomats, and economists. Their collaboration is proof positive of the high estimation in which the paper is held in most influential quarters, for no journal is favoured to anything like the same extent.

We have also to acknowledge our indebtedness to the foreign embassies and legations, to the High Commissioners of the British Overseas Dominions, and the Agents-General of States and Provinces for their aid in enabling us to compile statistical tables. They have spared no pains in complying with our requirements, and have, when necessary, cabled to their governments to expedite the receipt of the latest and most reliable data not otherwise obtainable in this country.

Our Banking Supplements, therefore, may be regarded as semi-official, and they are filed not only in banks throughout the world but also in the commercial bureaux of foreign governments.

The printing of outstanding articles in French, German, Spanish, and Italian, as well as in English, is a much appreciated feature, and it has led to extensive quotation in the columns of many foreign journals, so that *The Financial Times* gets the benefit of a really extraordinary amount of publicity abroad. Moreover, thanks to the inclusiveness of our publishing arrangements, there is no country, however remote, in which *The Financial Times*, containing our Banking Supplements, cannot be purchased.

CANADA'S RESOURCES.

Our Canadian Supplements can be obtained in every fairly populous centre throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion. The sixth of the series, which has been appearing at half-yearly intervals, was published only this week, and the interest these series have excited in Canada and here, since they started three years ago, is undiminished. On the contrary, it has greatly grown, and in view of that interest and the support we are receiving we have decided to continue the series instead of finishing with six issues, as originally contemplated. When it began, the magnificent resources of Canada, her amazing progress in recent years, the importance she has attained among the producing and exporting nations of the world, the opportunities she offers to British capital and enterprise and the risks that might attend continued neglect of those opportunities were very imperfectly understood in this country. But it is now acknowledged in Canada that, thanks in no small measure to our persistent advocacy, British capital and enterprise are no longer so indifferent and that there is a clearer perception than there was of the Dominion's assured greatness. In accordance with our policy of supplying only authoritative information, the facts and figures in our Canadian Supplements have been furnished and vouched for by Dominion Statesmen, bankers, and industrialists, who have readily collaborated with *The Financial Times* in presenting a thoroughly reliable and up-to-date survey of conditions in the Dominion.

Both from Canadian interests here and from leading spokesmen of Canada we have been congratulated on the excellence and success of our efforts and urged to persist in what they are pleased to call an imperial service of the highest value. Our desire to render imperial service is not limited to Canada, and when opportunity offers and circumstances justify we shall be glad to do the like for other Dominions of the Empire.

In the interests of British trade and industry we have not been unmindful of the opportunities for mutually advantageous trading relations with foreign countries, and we have published supplements with a view to fostering them. In such cases we have had the collaboration of Premiers, Finance Ministers, Ministers of Commerce, and other authorities writing under their own names and with a full sense of responsibility.

STATUS OF "THE FINANCIAL TIMES."

It will be seen, therefore, that both at home and abroad *The Financial Times* has attained a status and a recognition which are, perhaps, unique and that it can everywhere rely on appreciation and good will.

Finally, I should like to express on behalf of directors and shareholders alike our feelings of gratitude to the staff for the work they have done during a very trying period. It is no idle boast to say that the staff of *The Financial Times* is unique in its capacity to render service to the investor. Of the highest integrity, they deal in a thoroughly efficient manner with all the problems which arise almost every day in the world of finance, and we have every reason to be proud of the manner in which their work is performed.

I beg to move: "That the report of the directors produced, together with the annexed statement of the company's accounts at December 31, 1929, be now approved and adopted."

Mr. R. J. Barrett (managing editor) seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Sir Edward M. Iliffe, C.B.E., proposed the re-election of the retiring directors, Sir J. Gomer Berry and Mr. H. A. Randall.

Mr. R. J. Barrett seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The auditors, Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Company and Messrs. Arthur J. Davis and Company, were re-appointed.

On the motion of Mr. M. S. Myers, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the chairman and directors, and the proceedings terminated.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

F. A. H. C.—Prefer to get rid of these.

C. F. R.—A fair risk at the present level.

J. S. W.—The present appears a bad time to sell.

WERY (Dublin).—Keep your Union Bank of Australia shares.

SINDBAD.—You might get 5s., but they are a nominal market, and the report is overdue.

SPRIG.—Prefer to keep A, C, D, and E for conversion or redemption. B is a thoroughly sound investment.

RETREAT.—C. A. Vandervell are quoted at 26s. 3d. Dividend for 1928-29 was 10 per cent. Next report due in October

D. A.—Café Verrey, Ltd., went into liquidation in November. Suggest you communicate with the liquidators, 6, Hanover Street, W.1.

W. M.—Quite agree that it may be throwing good money after bad if you take the new shares, but otherwise you lose all interest in the concern.

STRETTON.—(1) Each of the Mining shares is a doubtful holding at the moment. (2) No need to sell any of the Industrials. Commercial Bank of Australia should be held.

LIMERICK.—(1) Have a very poor opinion of this concern. (2) Chloride Electrical Storage "A" shares are a good holding. (3) Tate and Lyle are worth keeping. (4) and (5) Prefer to sell.

ENQUIRY.—(a) There is such a possibility. (b) Canadian Eagle Ordinary being of no par value, any dividend would not be declared as a percentage, but as so much per share. (c) Would advise you to retain your holding. The shares have recently suffered from heavy selling from Paris at the end of the account in that centre.

Owing to pressure on our space, we have had to hold over a large number of "Answers to Correspondents." These will be sent through the post.

MONEY MARKET.

CHANGED BANK RATE VIEWS.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

During the past week the monetary situation has developed on less favourable lines than had been anticipated, and the much discussed reduction to 2½ per cent. in the Bank rate is now regarded as highly improbable.

Discount rates, which were at first inclined to give way under the influence of a considerable enlargement of credit supplies, following the disbursement of approximately £50,000,000 by the Government in connection with the War Loan dividend, have become firmer again.

Three months fine bank bills are now 2 3-16 per cent., while the new Treasury bills, which were allotted yesterday at a less favourable rate to the Government, changed hands to-day around 2 5-32 per cent.

Money has been in very good supply, and new and old day-to-day loans were generally arranged on the basis of 1½ to 1¾ per cent.

In the foreign exchanges, cheques on Paris, after dropping to 123.87, improved, and finished the week at 123.89½, against 123.93½.

—	Method of quoting.	Par of exch.	Quotations. June 7	May 31
Paris, cheques...	Fr. to £...	124.21	123.88-.91	123.92-.95
Berlin	Mks. to £	20.43	20.36¼-.¾	20.35¾-.36¼
Brussels.ch'ques	Belga to £	35.00	34.81-.81½	34.81-.81½
Amst'rd'm,chqs.	Fl. to £...	12.107	12.08⅛-.⅜	12.08-.08⅛
Italy, sight	Lire to £	92.46	92.75-92.77	92.74-92.76
Greece	Drch. to £	375	374¾-375¼	374¾-375¼
Madrid, sight ...	Pes. to £	25.22½	40.19-40.21	39.92-39.94
Lisbon, sight ...	Escudo ...	4.50½	108⅛-⅜	108⅛-108⅜
Switz'rl'nd,sight	Fr. to £...	25.22½	25.09½-.¾	25.11-.11¼
Oslo ....sight	Kr. to £...	18.159	18.15-.15¼	18.15¾-.16
Stockholm,sight	Kr. to £...	18.159	18.10-.10½	18.11-.11¼
Copenhagen,s'gt	Kr. to £...	18.159	18.15¾-.16¼	18.16¼-.16¾
Helsingfors	Mks. to £	193.23	192¾-193	192⅞-.193⅛
Vienna	Sh. to £...	34.58½	34.42-34.45	34.43-34.47
Alexandria,sight	Pstrs. to £	97½	97 7/16-97 9/16	97 7/16-97 9/16
Prague	Kr. to £...	24.02	163¾-⅞	163¾-.⅞
Bucharest	Lei to £...	25.22½	817-819	817-819
Bombay, T.T. ...	Rupee......	18d.	1s. 5 13/16d.	1s. 5 13/16d.
Calcutta, T.T. ...	Rupee......	18d.	1s. 5 13/16d.	1s. 5 13/16d.
Hong Kong,T.T.	Dollar......	—	1s. 3¼d.	1s. 4 7/16d.
Shanghai, T.T....	Tael.........	—	1s. 6⅞d.	1s. 7⅞d.
Singapore, T.T..	Dollar......	2s. 4d.	2s. 3¾d.	2s. 3 25/32d.
Kobe	Yen.........	24.58d.	2s. 0 13/32d.	2s. 0 13/32d.
New York, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅝	4.85 27/32-.28/32	4.85 27/32-.28/32
Montreal, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅝	4.85¾-.86	4.86-.86¼
Rio de J., T.T....	Milreis ...	16d.	5 19/64-5 21/64	5 13/16-5 27/32
Buenos A's, T.T.	Dollar......	47.58d.	42 9/16-42 11/16	42 9/16-42 11/16
Valp'r'iso, 90d'ys	Pesos to £	40	39.88	39.91
Montevideo,T.T.	Dollar......	51d.	45⅛-45⅝	44½-45
Lima	Sols to £	12.166	13.02½	12.87½

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

BADEK RUBBER ESTATE.—Profit for 1929, £19,178. Dividend of 10 per cent. (less tax) £5,000 to Taxation Reserve. Forward, £23,407.

TETIUHE MINING.—Return for May:—Ore treated, 12,440 tons; zinc concentrates produced, 2,330 tons; lead concentrates produced, 1,129 tons.

GUEST KEEN AND NETTLEFOLDS.—Directors at annual meeting on June 25 will recommend a final dividend on Ordinary shares of 1s. per share, again making 10 per cent., free of tax.

EVER-READY COMPANY.—At the annual meeting the shareholders endorsed the proposal of the Board to increase the capital to £1,000,000. The chairman, Mr. Magnus Goodfellow, stated that there was no intention to make an immediate issue.

RUSTON AND HORNSBY.—Trading profits amounted to £98,639, against £150,980. After meeting directors' fees, depreciation (£40,694), and interest, the net profit was £29,579. Preference dividends absorb £23,500, and carry forward is £38,195, against £32,116 brought in, no ordinary dividend being proposed.

ROYAL DUTCH PETROLEUM.—Report for 1929 shows net profits of Fl.126,471,391 (£10,539,000), as compared with Fl.103,367,780 (£8,614,000), or an increase of approximately £1,925,000. The dividend is unchanged at 24 per cent. Production amounted to 25,184,387 tons, as against 22,063,411 tons in the previous year, an increase of 3,120,976 tons.

JOHN HETHERINGTON.—Against a profit of £94,656 for 1928-29 company has to record loss of £25,889 for year to March 31, 1930. Depreciation required £27,454 (against £24,077), net result being deficit of £53,343, compared with net profit of £70,579. Deducting £20,794 brought in after providing for half-year's Preference dividend to September 30, 1929 (£12,600), a debit balance of £32,550 remains to be carried forward.

SIEMENS BROTHERS.—Company announces that it has entered into an agreement with the Relay Automatic Telephone Company whereby from June 1 onwards Siemens Brothers will take over all existing and future maintenance work (whether by contract or guarantee) on automatic telephone equipments supplied by the Relay Automatic Telephone Company. Extensions and alterations to existing equipments will also be undertaken by Siemens Brothers.

PARKINSON AND COWAN.—At an extraordinary meeting, to be held on July 1, resolutions will be submitted authorising the creation of 500,000 additional shares of £1 each, thereby increasing the capital to £1,500,000. Of the new shares, 200,000 will be Preference, ranking in all respects pari passu with the existing 7 per cent. Cumulative Preference, and the remaining 300,000 will be Ordinary, ranking in all respects pari passu with the existing Ordinary shares.

CANTON INSURANCE.—Report for 1929 shows surplus on 1928 account, after paying interim dividend, of 18 dols. per share (same), of 746,019 dols. (against 906,868 dols.). Final dividend of 27 dols. per share (against 22 dols. for 1927), balance of 476,019 dols. (against 686,868 dols.) added to underwriting suspense account to close the year 1928. Balance at credit of 1929 account is 1,912,581 dols. (against 1,837,848 dols.). Interim dividend of 18 dols. per share proposed and 1,732,581 dols. carried forward.

INCOME-TAX QUERIES.

H. J. M.—You are assessable under both Sch. A and Sch. B.

PENYLAN.—If you sold War Stock in March, 1930, you will have to pay income-tax for 1929-30 on interest, but not pay anything for 1930-31.

YORK.—4s. 6d. is correct. That rate applies to all dividends payable after April 5, 1930, irrespective of period during which dividends accrued.

CONFEDERATE.—Yes. Deduction at 4s. 6d. in the £ is legal in regard to all payments of interest, annuities, etc., due subsequent to April 5, 1930.

W. P. Mc.—If War Bond was owned jointly one-half belonged to deceased, and naturally formed part of estate on which death duties are payable.

SHOPKEEPER.—(1) There is no liability in respect of profit made on selling premises. (2) Christmas gifts to customers are admissible expense in running business.

E. J. I.—You cannot escape British income-tax by dodging in and out of country. If you return habitually to this country for periods such as you describe each year you will be treated as resident.

A. C. L.—You do not have to pay tax again on £475. The full £675 has been taxed. You recover tax on £475, which leaves you bearing tax on £200, which is your share of income produced by premises.

T. J. X. C.—A temporary visit to this country not exceeding six months in one income-tax year by person who is permanently resident abroad will not involve him in liability to British tax. The same thing applies in Irish Free State.

INVESTOR.—The total relief you will obtain if you and wife make separate claims will be exactly same as if you do not. The only difference is that total relief is allocated between two of you in proportion to respective shares of total income.

BARTHUR.—The age allowance of one-sixth can only be claimed by persons whose incomes do not exceed £500 or by those whose incomes exceed £500 by so small an amount that it will pay them to pay tax on exactly £500, and in addition to hand over to Revenue half of amount by which income exceeds £500.

B. L. O.—You will be entitled to have liability for 1930-31 adjusted to actual amount of salary from April 5, 1930, to date in September, when you leave country. On that date you cease to be resident in this country, and you will not be liable in respect of pension or War Loan interest whilst permanently resident abroad.

BEWILDERED.—Your sister's earned income is assessable on basis of earnings of year preceding year of assessment. Her income taxed at source belongs to year in which income is received. The inspector will have made necessary allowances for 1929-30 on basis of vouchers for that year sent him, and his letter to you seems to refer only to 1930-31.

ARAB.—The refund is correct assuming that assessments on two houses are correct. But if you are being charged on £44, gross receipts of letting house furnished, you are being charged too much. You are only chargeable on profits of letting house furnished. The profits would be calculated by deducting from gross receipts outgoings and depreciation on furniture.

BONZO.—In making claim you must show annual value of bungalow as part of income, and must enter tax paid under Sch. A in same column as tax deducted from dividends. If bungalow is freehold, and you pay no mortgage interest on it, you will be able to claim refund of all tax from date when you became owner. If any part of tax was in respect of period prior to ownership you cannot reclaim that, as it should have been allowed you in purchase consideration.

L. H.—If you are British subject and you go abroad to take up permanent residence there you will be exempt from British income-tax from day when you go abroad except on income which arises in this country and which is, of course, taxed whether it belongs to British subject or foreigner. As British subject you can, however, claim proportionate allowances on latter type of income in accordance with following rule:—Income-tax is first calculated on whole income from all sources, and whether liable to British income-tax or not, just as if you were resident here and were entitled to all allowances which would be yours in those circumstances. You then have to bear same proportion of this tax as your income which arises in this country bears to total income. If you have suffered more tax balance is refunded. Application for claim form should be addressed to Chief Inspector (Claims), Cornwall House, Stamford Street, London, S.E.1.

WALL STREET WEAK.

NUMEROUS DECLINES RECORDED.

SHARP BREAK ON ADVERSE RUMOURS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The tendency was weak at the opening, and following recent persistent bear pressure the market broke on large scale liquidation. A wide assortment of leading issues declined 2 to 10 points, some of the most volatile issues recording greater losses, while several stocks, including U.S. Steel, reached new low levels for the year.

Short selling was reported as large, but there was rather widespread liquidation by tired holders, who were discouraged with the colourless character of business news and inability of the market to make any upward progress. Moreover, a feeling of uncertainty is becoming more general regarding a business recovery at the prescribed date.

While Wall Street was flooded with bearish rumours, one of the most unsettling developments was an announcement that the Stock Exchange had granted permission to the Radio Corporation to omit its quarterly earnings statement, owing to the difficulties presented by capital changes.

Case Threshing Machine broke 21 points; Allied Chemical, Auburn Auto, A. M. Byers, R. H. Macy, Vanadium Corporation, and Worthington Pump 7 to 10; and U.S. Steel, Radio Corporation, General Electric, American Can, American Tobacco "B," Colorado Fuel and Iron, Columbia Carbon, Union Pacific, United Aircraft, National Power, American and Foreign Power, and scores of others declined 3 to 5 points.

The market closed weak. Government Bonds quiet. Railroad Bonds firm. The day's sales totalled 2,463,000 shares. Money on call nominal. Sterling exchange quiet. Silver ⅜c. up at 36¼c.

Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe shares and Missouris, Kansas, and Texas declined 1½. Baltimore and Ohio, Erie Railroad shares ½. Canadian Pacific, Great Northern preferred, and U.S. Rubber ⅞.

Chesapeake and Ohio Common fell 6¼. Chicago North-Western Ordinary 2¾. Erie Railroad First Preferred, Pennsylvania shares, and Anaconda Copper ⅝, while Lehigh Valley shares, Wabash Common, Bethlehem Steel, and Pan-American Petroleum "B" 1. Louisville and Nashville and Missouri Pacific all lost 2⅞.

New York Central and Consolidated Gas (New York) shed 2¼, Norfolk and Western Common 2¼, Reading shares 6, and Union Pacific 1⅞. United States Steel Common dropped 3.—*Reuter.*

BEAR SELLING ON CURB.

LEADING UTILITIES SUFFER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Active bear selling caused declines of 1 to 3 points in a long list of leading issues in brisk trading. Utilities were heavily sold, especially Electric Bond and Share, Associated Gas "A," and Brazil Traction.

Independent Oils were also subjected to considerable pressure, while Standard Oils kept fairly firm. Among Investments, Goldman Sachs and Trans-America, which recently were singled out by bear attacks, declined fractionally.

Eng. Equiv	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.
138⅞	American Gas and Electric	135	138
73 1/16	American Light and Traction (New)	71	72
36¼	Associated Gas and Electric A.	35¼	36½
47 3/16	Brazilian Traction Light & Power ...	46¼	47½
21⅞	Celanese Corp. of Amer. Com.	21¼	21
32	Cities Service	31⅛	31⅜
7 1/16	Creole Oil..................................	6⅞	6¾
100 3/16	Electric Bond and Share..................	97½	100¼
22⅝	Electric Shareholding Common	22	22¾
53	Ford (Canada) New Voting 'B'	51½	51½
148 1/16	Gulf Oil of Penna	144½	146¼
99 3/16	Humble Oil..................................	97	99¼
24 1/16	Imperial Oil of Canada	24	24
21 1/16	International Petroleum..................	20½	20⅝
32 3/16	Middle West Utilities	31⅝	31¾
117 3/16	Newmont Mining	114⅝	114½
21 1/16	Niagara Hudson Power Corporation	20½	20⅜
12⅝	Penn Road Corporation	12¼	12¼
22⅝	Silica Gel. Corporation	22	22½
53¾	Standard Oil of Indiana	52¼	52½
36	Swift International	35	35¼
90 3/16	Vacuum Oil..................................	88	89½
	FOREIGN SECURITIES.		
6 3/16	Associated Electrical Industries	6	6
2 13/16	British Celanese Ord.*	2⅞	3
2 9/16	Burma Corporation	2½	2½
4	Bwana M'Kubwa	3⅞	3¾
⅞	Cables and Wireless "B" *c*	⅞	⅞
17⅝	Ford (of England) £1 shares (fy.p.)..	16⅞	17⅛
12 1/16	General Elect. Ord.*......................	11¾	11¾
20 3/16	Gramophone Ord.*	20¼	20¼
43 9/16	Hydro-Electric	42	43⅜
5 13/16	Marconi Canada *b*	5⅝	6⅛
8½	Marconi Marine Ord.*.....................	8¼	8¼
25⅞	Roan Antelope *a*..........................	25⅛	25⅛
1 7/16	Spanish & Gen. Corp. Ord. Reg. & B'r.*	1⅜	1⅜
9⅝	Triplex Glass Ord.*	9⅛	9⅛
12⅝	United Molasses..........................	12	10

* American Deposit Receipt.
a Receipt represents four English shares.
b Warrants for Shares Sold. *c* £1 units.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

Wheat commenced barely steady and ⅛c to ⅜c lower. Values declined owing to the weakness on the Stock Market, scattered liquidation of the July option and advices of ideal harvesting weather in the south-west. Further recessions occurred due to the easier cash market and private reports stating that the recent rains in Illinois were beneficial. The market closed easy and ⅞c to ⅞c down. No. 2 Hard Winter Spot, 105¼. Closing Options: July, 106⅛ to 106¼; September, 109⅛ to 109⅛; December, 113⅞ to 113¾.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Wheat: Barely steady at ⅛c to ⅜c fall. No. 2 Northern Manitoba Spot, 121⅞; No. 2 Hard Winter Spot, 112⅞; No. 2 Red Winter Spot, 121⅞.

Flour: Steady. Spring Clears 100 per cent., 5.50 to 5.75.

Petroleum: Steady. Standard White in cases, 16.65; barrels, 13.25; Philadelphia, 13.25. Mid-Continent Crude, 33 to 33.9 Baume, 1.18½; Pennsylvania Crude, 1.95 to 2.30.

The Coffee and Cocoa markets and the Sugar Exchange were closed to-day. The Coffee and Sugar Exchange will be closed on Saturdays during June, July, August and September.

Rubber (Outside) dull, and little doing, but steady. First Latex Crepe Spot, 12¾ buyers; Smoked Ribbed Sheets Spot, 12¾ buyers, 13 sellers; July, August, September, 13⅛ buyers, October, November, December, 13½ buyers, 13¾ sellers. Rubber Exchange of New York (Closing) Contract "A":—Steady 10 points down to unchanged. July, 12.60; September, 13.10; October, 13.30; December, 13.50; January, 13.70; March, 14.00; Sales, 61 lots.—*Reuter.*

WINNIPEG WHEAT.

WINNIPEG, Saturday.

Wheat opened steady and ⅛c to ⅜c higher on a bullish "free Press" report, the absence of rains overnight and predictions of clear warm weather over the week-end. A reaction ensued due to selling by Chicago houses and no export demand for Manitoba wheats, together with cable advices of prospects for a normal yield in France, easier cash markets and the easier close of Buenos Aires. The finish was easy with futures showing losses of ⅜c to ⅞c. Closing Options: July, 112⅞; October, 116; December, 117⅞.—*Reuter.*

NEW YORK METALS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The following quotations are supplied by Messrs. C. S. Trench and Co.:—

Copper steady. Lake, spot delivered consuming points in Middle West, 13.12½ asked; electrolytic, spot delivered Connecticut Valley, 13.00 asked; f.a.s. New York prompt delivery, 13.00 asked; f.a.s. New York 30-90 days, 13.00 asked; casting, f.o.b. New York refinery, 12.50 asked.

Straits Tin steady. Spot 7½ points and July 10 points higher. Spot and nearby New York, 30.95; future option, July 31.10.

Lead steady and unchanged. Spot, New York, 5.50; spot, East St. Louis, 5.40.

Zinc steady and unchanged. Spot, East St. Louis, 4.60.

Silver.—Bar, 36¼.

Tin Plates.—Box, f.o.b. Pittsburg basis, 5.25.

Pig-iron steady. Northern No. 2 plain, f.o.b. furnace Eastern Pennsylvania, 19.39; No. 2 plain Buffalo, delivery Boston, 21.91.

Copper.—The U.S. Copper Association quotes copper, c.i.f. Hamburg, 13.30.

Closing New York tin and copper futures on National Metal Exchange:—Tin quiet. Closing options, July 30.85, September 31.00, October 31.15. Copper dull. Closing options, July 12.50, September 12.70, October 12.70.—*Reuter.*

CANADIAN NATIONAL EARNINGS.

MONTREAL, Saturday.

The earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the ten days ending May 31 amounted to 6,248,671 dollars, a decrease of 1,553,300 dollars, compared with the same period last year.—*Reuter.*

COTTON RECEDES.

FURTHER CURTAILMENT OF MILL OUTPUT.

EXCLUSIVE CABLE TO THE "SUNDAY TIMES."

NEW YORK, Saturday.

A combination of excellent weather in the South and weakness in the Stock Market sent cotton to the lowest prices of the week, and the new October contract to within 6 points of the low record for the season.

Further pressure on July kept that month heavy at the lowest levels since late in March, and unfavourable news from textile quarters deprived the market of any buying incentive.

It was reported that the Borden Mills at Fall River would close to-day, adding 2,000 to the list of unemployed, while advices generally indicated additional curtailment of production both in the North and in the South.

Except for some gain in the bales of certain makes due to warmer weather dry goods advices reflect another inactive week-end, and the action of the Stock Market shows that hopes of an early trade improvement generally are being postponed owing to the delayed business revival, particularly in the textile division.

Spot demand was very light and stocks are increasing over the corresponding figures last year. Port and interior stocks are now nearly 2,000,000 bales, or over a million bales more than last year, and with the amount in the interior total about 1,250,000 bales more than a year ago. The amount on shipboard—66,000 bales against 96,000 bales a year ago—shows a continued small export demand, and shipments are now about 1,250,000 bales less than last season.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Cotton opened steady, but 6 to 11 points lower. General selling developed on news of beneficial rains in the eastern belt, together with a poor demand, unfavourable trade conditions, July liquidation and weakness on Wall Street. The market closed steady with old contracts 15 to 17 points down and new contracts showing declines of 18 to 14 points. Spot quiet at 15 points loss.

At New Orleans futures opened 2 to 7 points cheaper and finished 16 to 9 points lower. Spot declined 15 points.

Highest and lowest prices in the last thirty seconds of trading:—June, 15.46-15.46; July, 15.62-15.60; August, 14.90-14.90; September, 14.45-14.45; October, 14.35-14.34; November, 14.37-14.37; December, 14.42-14.42; January, 14.42-14.42. New Contracts:—October, 14.04-14.03; November, 14.08-14.08; December, 14.14-14.14; January, 14.16-14.15; February, 14.24-14.24; March, 14.33-14.33; April, 14.39-14.39; May, 14.45-14.45. Spot middling Upland at New York, 15.70.

Highest and lowest cotton prices in the last minute of trading at New Orleans:—July, 15.27-15.25; October, 14.05-14.03. Spot Middling, 14.85.—*Reuter.*

INDIAN PRICES.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

The extraordinary fall in the price of cotton and the situation arising therefrom were considered this afternoon at a meeting of the Board of the East India Cotton Association. The Board resolved to confer with representatives of the cotton trade in Bombay, and after the conference it will decide the question whether minimum prices for cotton shall be fixed or not.—*Reuter.*

"SUNDAY TIMES" NEW YORK CLOSING PRICES

RAILROADS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.
227⅞	Atchison	221½	223	89½	Gt. Nthn. Pf.......	87	87¾	242 13/16	Norfolk & West ...	236	238½
169¾	Atlantic C. L.......	165	167	130⅝	Illinois Central ...	127	127	82 11/16	Northern Pacific...	80⅜	80⅝
113 3/16	Baltimore & O. ...	110	110½	25¾	Int. R. C. Am. ...	25	25	77 7/16	Pennsylvania... ...	75¼	75⅞
204½	Canadian Pac.......	198¾	199½	73 1/16	Kans. City S.......	71	70⅛	113 3/16	Reading..............	110	116
51 3/16	,, ,, (New)	49¾	49⅝	135 13/16	Louisvl. & Nash...	132	134⅞	109 1/16	S. Louis S. Fran.	106	107½
209⅞	Ches. & Ohio	204	210½	1	Mex. Nat. 1st Pf.	1*c*	1*a*	27¾	St. Louis S.W. ...	67	68
12⅞	Chic. G. West......	12½	13	⅞	Do. 2nd Pref.	⅞*d*	⅞*b*	8	Sea. Air Line	7¾	7¾
46 5/16	Do. Prfd.......	45	45¼	48⅞	Missri. K. & Tex.	47½	49	122 7/16	Southern Pacific...	119†	118¼
18¾	Chic. Mil. St. P....	18¼	18⅛	109 11/16	Do. Pref.......	106⅝	103½	108 9/16	Southern Rly.......	105½	105½
30⅞	Do. Pref.	30	30	80⅜	Missouri Pacific...	78⅛	81	228½	Union Pacific	222⅛	224
112⅝	Chic. Rock Is.......	109¼	110x	133¼	Do. Pref.......	129½	131¼	45 13/16	Wabash New	44½	45½
43 3/16	Erie....................	42	42½	173⅞	N.Y. Central	169	171¼	80¼	Do. Pref. A.	78	78
65 1/16	Do. 1st Pf....	63¼	63⅞	112⅝	New Haven	109½	110½x	16 9/16d.	Silver..............	36¼	35⅝

a Bid, 3 asked. *b* Bid, 1 asked. *c* Bid, 3 asked. *d* Bid, 1 asked. † Sale.

INDUSTRIALS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
145 9/16	Air Reduction ...	141½	145	237⅞	Eastman Kodak...	231¼	233	72⅛	Otis Elevator	70⅛	72¼
24 7/16	Alleghany Corp....	23¾	25	70½	Elec. Stor. Bat. ...	68½	69¾x	16 7/16	Packard Motors...	16	16⅝
303½	Allied C. and Dye	295	303	50⅛	Fox Film "A" ...	48¾	51½	67⅝	Paramount Publix	65½	66½x
59 15/16	Allis-Chalmers ...	58¼	58¾	57⅝	Gen. Asphalt	56	57½	51 5/16	Penick & Ford......	49⅜	51⅜
141 1/16	Am. Can............	137⅛	140⅞	79 1/16	Gen. Electric	76⅞	79½	74 5/16	Pullman Co.	72¼	73¼
56 9/16	Am. Loco............	55	56½	59 9/16	Gen. Foods Cor. ...	57⅞	59	33 7/16	Remington Tpe....	32½	34x
29 5/16	Am. Radiator & Stand. San. Co...	28½	30	48⅝	Gen. Motors	47	48⅛	55 1/16	Republic I. & S....	53½	54⅝
				83 9/16	Gen. Refractors ...	81	81½	52¾	Reynold Tob. B....	51¼	51¾
65 1/16	Am. Rolling Mills	63¼	64⅜	85⅜	Gillette Razor	83	84⅛	43 3/16	St. Joseph Ld.......	42	42
71⅛	Am. Smelt. & R....	69⅛	69½	37 1/16	Goodrich B. F.	36	37	83⅞	Sears-Robk.	81½	83
42 11/16	Am. Steel Fs.	41½	42	42 1/16	Hudson Motors ...	40⅞	41½	23⅛	Stan. Brands	22½	22¾
61¾	Am. Sugar Ref. ...	60	60	216 1/16	Ingersoll Rand.....	210	211	35⅞	Studebaker Cn. ...	34⅞	35¼
254⅝	Am. Tobacco "B"	247½	250	6 13/16	Int. Combustion...	6¾	7	59 9/16	Tex. Gf. Sul.	57⅞	58½
57¼	Anaconda	55⅝	56¼	96 9/16	Int. Harvester ...	93⅞	94¾	4¾	Tobacco Prods	4⅝	4⅞
62¼	Atlantic Gulf	60½	60¾	82 1/16	Int. Match Pref....	79¾	82	82 5/16	Union Carbide ...	80	81½
26¼	Baldwin Loco. ...	25½	26⅛x	23⅛	Int. M. Marine	22½	22½	69 7/16	United Aircraft ...	67½	70¼
94⅝	Bethlem. Steel ...	92	93	30½	Intern. Nickel......	29⅝	30⅜	41 13/16	United Corp.	40¾	42½
18	Calumet and H....	17½	18¼	23 11/16	Intern. Paper 'A'	23	25	91 9/16	United Fruit	89	90
54	Cerro de Pasco ...	52½	52¼	47 1/16	Kennecott Cop. ...	45¾	46	79¾	U.S. In. Alcohol...	77½	81
51 7/16	Chile Copper	50	50	30⅞	Kreuger & Toll......	30	30½x	28 9/16	U.S. Rubber.........	27¾	28½
34 9/16	Chrysler Motor ...	33⅝	33⅞	96 11/16	Lambert Co.	94	94¾	25⅞	U.S. Smelting......	25⅛	25⅝
146⅝	Columbia Carb. ...	142½	146	104⅞	Liggett Myers......	101	100	168 11/16	U.S. Steel............	164	167
23	Columbia Graph...	22⅜	22¼	85⅜	Loew's Incor.	83	87½	149 11/16	Do. Pref.	145½	145½
26¾	Cont. Bakng. A....	26	27	71½	Mack Trucks........	69¾	70½	257 3/16	Utah Copper	250*g*	250*g*
63¼	Cont. Can...........	61½	63¼	43 3/16	Montg. Ward	42	44	102⅞	Vanadium Cpn. ...	100	110¼
105 13/16	Corn Prod. Rf......	103	104¼	40½	Nash Motors	39⅛	39¾	170⅞	Westinghouse	166⅛	172¼
77 11/16	Crucible Steel......	75½	77	89⅜	Natl. Biscuit	86⅞	88¼	7 1/16	Willys Overld. ...	6⅞	7
34 3/16	Davison Chem. ...	33¼	33	61¾	Natl. Cash Reg. ...	60	61¼	62	Woolworth	60¼	62⅞
82 9/16	Drug Incorptd. ...	80¼	81	58⅞	Natl. Dairy	57¼	59⅜	143	Worthn. Pump. ...	139	150¼
31⅝	Dunhill Intntl. ...	30¾	33	146⅝	National Lead......	142½	146½	118 5/16	Y'ungstn Sheet ...	115	118
126 13/16	Du Pont Nms.	123¼	125½	20 1/16	Nevada Cns. C. ...	19½	19⅞		*g* Asked.		

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
78 13/16	Am. & For. Power	76¾	81½	62¼	Engin'rs P. Serv.	60½	—	231½	Philadel. Com. ..	225	210
230 7/16	Am. Tel. and Tlg.	224	225½	29 5/16	Int. Rapid Trns....	28½	29½	110 5/16	Pub. Serv. N.J. ...	107¼	109⅜
108 3/16	Am. Water Wks....	105½	109	60 1/16	Int. Tel. Teleg. ...	58¾	61⅝	45 13/16	Radio Corpn.	44¼	47¾
79⅝	Columbia Gas	77⅛	79⅝	44½	Nat. Pow. & Light	43¼	45¾	115¾	Standard Gas ...	112½	113¼
17	Comwlth. Sthn. ...	16½	17	120⅝	North Am. Co. ...	117¼	120½	42 1/16	United Gas Imp.	40⅞	42
85⅝	Elec. P. and L. ...	83¼	86¼	66⅞	Pacific G. & El. ...	65	66¾	183⅛	W. Union Tlg.......	178	180½
				316 5/16	Peoples Gas.........	307½	308				

OILS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
41 11/16	Atlantic Refin. ...	40½	41⅜	53⅝	Royal Dutch	51⅞	52	77 1/16	Standard N.J.	74⅞	76⅝
28 13/16	California Pet. ...	28	28	46⅝	Shell	45	45	36	Do. N.Y. ...	35	35⅛
28 1/16	Mid-Cont. Pet.......	27¼	27¾	20 3/16	Shell Union	20	20	57⅞	Texas Corpn.	56¼	56⅝x
61 3/16	Pan Amer. B	59½	60½	27⅝	Sinclair	26⅞	27¾	19 13/16	Tr. Continental ...	19¼	19⅞
26¼	Petroleum Corp....	25½	26¼	69 3/16	Stand. California	67¼	68⅞	44¾	Union Oil Calif. ...	43½	44¼

[Quotations from the "Sunday Times" New York Correspondent and Reuter's Agency.]

AUCTION BRIDGE.

Conducted by YARBOROUGH.

RESCUE BIDS.

Inquiries are frequently received from readers on taking out a partner's "No-trump" call on a five-card major suit. More recently a reader drew attention to views which had been expressed on this matter, and suggested that a discussion would be welcomed. The real question is whether in Auction a take-out into a five-card major suit is justified on a hand without the semblance of a Quick Trick. The argument in favour of the take-out on weakness is, it appears, that an analysis of results of this type of "take-out" would show that it was remunerative. I cannot imagine how statistics to support this argument can be obtained, for I know of no good player who believes in this take-out.

The tendency of modern bidding is to show Quick Tricks during the earlier rounds of bidding. Bids are more and more invested with a precise Quick-Trick meaning. The whole system of constructive bidding with its "approach" bids is founded on information interchanged at an early stage between the partners on the Quick Tricks in their hands. All preliminary bids must therefore be sound.

To admit the principle that a following bid by a partner can on one occasion be made on an orthodox minimum of one and a-half Quick Tricks (and a suitable distribution) and on another occasion on a hand with a five-card major suit but no Quick Tricks is to destroy the whole fabric of sound (constructive) bidding. How can the original caller support his partner's bid after opposition bidding if he is unable to tell whether this bid has been made on orthodox strength or on weakness? If a bid on weakness has been made and is supported, disaster may follow.

Many players after being misled by a partner's bid on weakness take a silent vow not to bid again until the rubber is over, and trust to better luck next time in cutting for partners. Many disasters in Bridge result from an unlucky distribution, and cannot be avoided; but other disasters are the result of bad preliminary bids which can be avoided and are consequently unpardonable. Even if occasionally successful, a take-out on weakness is so strongly resented that for this additional reason it must in the long run be a losing policy.

THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOUR OF THE TAKE-OUT.

An original bid of "One No-trump" means that the bidder considers his hand worth four tricks (including two Quick Tricks), and trusts that his partner has his share (i.e., three) of his remaining nine tricks. If Z (dealer) has bid "One No-trump" and Y holds Spades, x, x, x; Hearts, x, x, x, x, x; Diamonds, x, x, x; Clubs, x, x, the position will be that Z may make nothing but his two Quick Tricks, for the opponents will now have the balance of about six Quick Tricks, and being so much stronger than Z will deprive him of the two further tricks he counted upon. If Y tries to cut his losses by bidding "Two Hearts," his two long Hearts will normally be worth two tricks, the net result being that instead of being five tricks down on a contract of "One" he is four tricks down on a contract of "Two." The difference between the two situations is that the declarer would lose fifty points (undoubled) less in the suit declaration.

ARGUMENT AGAINST TAKE-OUT.

Against this advantage of fifty points one has to offset the losses due to admitting the principle of a weakness take-out. It is not too much to say that, apart from penalties resulting from unlucky distribution, most other penalties have their origin in unsound preliminary bids.

Consider this bidding situation: Z (dealer), "One No-trump," based on a strong suit of Clubs; A, "No Bid"; Y, "Two Hearts," on a very weak hand with a five-card suit; B, "Three Diamonds"; Z, "Four Clubs," depending on Y for some tricks to justify his bid in Hearts; A doubles, and all pass. This type of bidding is of daily occurrence in circles where "bumblepuppy" is played, and where the golden moment for silence is unknown.

Bridge ceases to be a pleasant intellectual pastime if bids are made both on strength and on weakness, and no clue is given as to which is intended. There is a simple way of differentiating between a sound supporting bid and a bid on weakness. Refuse one opportunity to bid and pass when a bid is expected, then any later bid means shortage of Quick Tricks but length in the suit called. The partner cannot be misled by a later bid which follows a refused opportunity to bid. There remain two points to consider, (1) the minimum strength on which one is justified in taking out a partner's "One No-trump" bid into "Two" of a major suit, and (2) the minimum strength on which one is justified to bid at all after passing once.

THE MINIMUM BID.

The take-out of "One No-trump" is only justified when there is a better chance of game in the new declaration, either because of distributional reasons (a freak hand, a two-suiter, etc.), or because of a good suit. The minimum major suit take-out with game possibilities is one which could be bid as dealer, i.e., a five card suit headed by at least one Quick Trick in a hand with at least two Quick Tricks. The minimum strength for the bid may be somewhat reduced in case there is a chicane or a singleton in the hand, and it is necessary to give the partner an opportunity for a second bid. The following is an example of a hand which is just strong enough to take out a partner's "No-trump" bid into "Two Hearts"; Spades, K, x, x; Hearts, A, J, x, x, x; Diamonds, Q, J, x; Clubs, x, x. or the following somewhat weaker hand with a singleton: Spades, K, x, x, x; Hearts, A, 10, x, x, x; Diamonds, Q, 10, x; Clubs, x.

A take-out for purely distributional reasons is allowable when the suit is long enough to be re-bid if the original bidder goes back to "No-trumps." Similarly, a take-out on a two-suiter, even when below normal supporting strength, is allowable, because if the original bidder goes back to "No-trumps," the second suit (of lower value, of course) can next be shown, and information on the character of the two-suit hand will then have been fully given.

THE LATER TAKE-OUT WEAKNESS.

After the partner of the original bidder has passed a chance of improving the bid, or refused an opportunity to bid, and on a later round makes a bid in a suit not previously shown, then it is clear that this is a bid on a weak hand, and is an effort to make the best of a long suit. There may be only one Quick Trick in the hand and a long suit, which would not be bid on the first round as the hand is too weak to expect game and not strong enough to be re-bid in some circumstances if the partner goes back to "No-trumps": thus, Z (dealer), "One No-trump"; A, "Two Diamonds"; Y, "No Bid"; B, "No Bid"; Z, "Two No-trumps"; A, "No Bid"; Y, "Three Hearts," etc., shows that Y hopes to make his contract of "Three Hearts," and considers this a better declaration than "Two No-trumps," but did not bid the suit on the first round, as he considered game in the suit unlikely, but bid the suit on the second round as it offers the better chance of making contract.

It will be seen from these remarks that a take-out bid should improve the chance of game, or, alternatively (on a weaker hand), should envisage a situation where the bidder may be committed to a contract of "Three" in a suit declaration. A take-out which is too weak for these alternative situations is not advocated.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

K. M. N. inquires what the dealer, holding Spades, A, Q, x; Hearts, A; Diamonds, J, 10, x, x, x, x, x; Clubs, K, x, should say at the score love-all. Answer.—I should bid "One Diamond."

E. M. W.—There is no A.B.C. book on Contract Bridge. "How to Bid at Contract Bridge," by Madeleine Kerwin (Knopf) (reviewed in the SUNDAY TIMES last week), described as "a short cut from Auction to Contract," would meet your requirements.

M. T. P. inquires what the fourth hand, holding Spades, K, J, 10, 8, 7; Hearts, A, K, 9, 7; Diamonds, K, 5; Clubs, A, 3, should call at the score love-all after three passes. Answer.—This hand is a semi two-suiter and hands like this with two doubletons are best played in a suit declaration. "One Spade" should be bid.

W. B. C. inquires if Y was right in passing in the following circumstances:—Z (dealer), "One No-trump"; A, "No Bid"; Y (holding Spades, A, Q, J, 10, x; Hearts, x; Diamonds, x, x; Clubs, Q, x, x, x, x), "No Bid"; B, "No Bid." Answer.—Y's hand is a two-suiter, which is best played in a suit declaration and a bid of "Two Spades" should be made. The four honours are an additional attraction.

E. F. A. B. asks for a criticism of the bidding of A and B in the following circumstances at the score YZ 24 AB nil, in the rubber game:—Z (dealer) bid "One Diamond"; A (holding Spades, x; Hearts, J, x, x, x, x, x, x; Diamonds, x, x; Clubs, Q, x, x) bid "One Heart"; Y, "Two Diamonds"; B (holding Spades, K, J, 10; Hearts, A, x; Diamonds, Q, x, x; Clubs, J, x, x, x, x) bid "Two Hearts"; Z, "Three Diamonds"; A, "Three Hearts"; Y, "Three Spades"; B, "Double," and all pass. Result: YZ make their contract and an over-trick. Answer.—A's bid of "One Heart" on a hand without a Quick Trick was very misleading, and he must at all costs later take out the double into "Four Hearts." If A had passed originally B might have doubled "One Diamond," as he must make some effort at the score, and the rest of the bidding would have been much the same, except that B would not have doubled.

NEWLANDS asks for a criticism of the following Contract bidding: Z (dealer), holding Spades, A, x; Hearts, J, 9, x, x; Diamonds, A, K, x, x, x;

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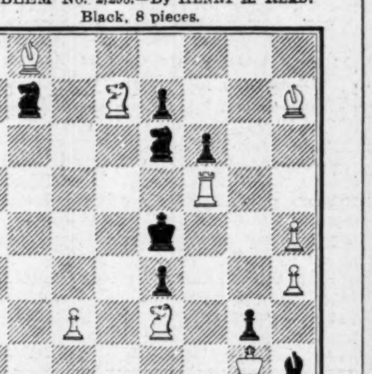
CHESS.

By L. VAN VLIET.

Solution of Problem No. 2,295: 1. Q—Kt4. If K—K4, or Q x Q; 2. R—B4 mate. If R x Kt, 2. Q x R. If P x Kt, 2. Q x P. If P—K4, 2. Q x Q. If any other move, 2. Kt—K7 (double ch). 1. Q—B5, is defeated by B—Q6; and 1. R—R5, by P—K4! If 2. P—K4 (ch), B x P.

PROBLEM No. 2,296.—By HENRY A. READ.

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in three moves.

CORRECT SOLVERS.

A correct solution of Problem No. 2,292 is acknowledged from C. Jacovitz, New York.

Additional correct solutions of Problem No. 2,294 are acknowledged from J. I. Binks, C. E. Craig, P. Martin, and J. A. Shaljean.

Mr. E. C. de Segundo writes: "I entirely failed to grasp Mr. de Andrade's idea. I have thoroughly enjoyed going over the full solution. It is indeed a magnificent composition."

Correct solutions of Problem No. 2,295 have been received from Admiral Stuart Nicholson, Brig.-General W. Baker-Brown, Clephane, Heureka, Emily Chase, J. A. Kelly, J. W. Pearson, Shay, F. Hurst, F. H. Summers, E. G. Barlow, R. W. Seaton, I. M. Brown, A. F. Scott, Sapere Aude, M. E. M. Jago, F. P. Younghusband, B. K. Amin, A. Scagno, H. C. Robson, V. G. Walrond, J. E. Vaughan, Sciram, J. F. Robins, J. A. Shaljean, A. Le Grys, J. I. Binks, E. C. de Segundo, H. W. Meadows, Edgley, S. H. Hossell, J. P. Orr, J. F. Powell, Tramp, C. E. Craig, W. G. Low, J. F. Rose-Innes, J. R. Wilson, Ballygiblin, P. Martin, Horace H. King, V. H. Sladen, A. Ward, C. White, W. R. Rayer, R. W. Hopkins, S. D. Gibson, R. H. Kettle, E. A. Lassen, J. Silbersweig, R. E. Aspin, Mala, E. F. Cowen, R. H. Thompson, S. A. Baldock, and A. M. Pass.

"ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT."

The subjoined game was played in the Premier Tournament of the recent Chess Congress of the Kent County Chess Association, at Canterbury:—

White. G. Abrahams.	Black. Dr. A. Seitz.	White. G. Abrahams.	Black. Dr. A. Seitz
1 P—Q4	P—Q4	18 R x R	K x R
2 P—QB4	P—K4 (a)	19 Kt—Kt5 ! (f)	B—K7 !
3 P x KP	P—Q5	20 P—QR4	B x R
4 Kt—KB3	Kt—QB3	21 K x B	B—B3
5 P—QR3 !	B—K3 (b)	22 P—Kt4 ?	R—R sq
6 P—K3 ? (c)	P x P	23 P—R5	K—B3
7 Q x Q (ch)	R x Q	24 Kt—R3	B—B6
8 B x P	KKt—K2	25 P—Kt5 (ch)	K—Q2
9 Kt—B3	Kt—Kt3	26 P—R6	P x P
10 QKt—Kt5	R—Q2	27 P—B6 (ch)	K—Q3
11 Kt x RP (d)	QKt x P	28 B—B4 (ch)	K—B4
12 P—B5	Kt x Kt (ch)	29 P x P	R x P
13 P x Kt	Kt—K4	30 Kt—B2	K x P
14 B—K2	B—K2	31 K—K2 (g)	R—R5
15 Castles	B—Q4	32 K—B3	P—B3
16 QR—Q sq (e)	Kt x P (ch)	33 Kt—K3	R x B (ch) (h)
17 B x Kt	B x B	34 K x R	B—Q7 and wins.

(a) An unsound, though dangerous, counter-attack, with an interesting history: In the fall of 1893, there happened to be, in New York, Emanuel Lasker (then in his 24th year), Adolf Albin (Vienna), F. J. Lee (London), N. Jasnagrodsky (Russia), and a number of strong American players, including the twenty-one-year-old H. N. Pillsbury, J. W. Showalter, A. B. Hodges, Major Hanham, Eugene Delmar, the brothers D. J. and E. J. Baird, and others. It occurred to a wealthy New York amateur to organise an impromptu international tournament and no sooner thought than done. Fourteen willing entries were quickly secured. Only Steinitz the then World's Champion, who had been a permanent resident of New York since 1884 declined. Lasker won the first prize, with a clean score of thirteen wins! And, in addition, he won a wager, from an admirer of Pillsbury, who bet Lasker twenty-five dollars to five that Pillsbury would, at least, draw his game with Lasker.

Albin won the second prize, with 10½; and introduced the counter-attack, in the Queen's Gambit, now named the "Albin Counter Gambit."

(b) Stronger is B—KKt5; or P—B3; 6. P x P, Q x P.

(c) "More like Chess," as Mr. Blackburne used to say, seems, 6. Q—R4 followed by QKt—Q2.

(d) And here, 11. QKt—Q4, the better move.

(e) Now as good as anything else. White's position is already markedly inferior.

(f) Presumably an oversight. His only chance was, 19. R—B sq, P—QB3; 20. R—B4.

(g) Playing for—the "opposition"?

(h) Simple, and effective. A smartly played game by Dr. Seitz.

CORRESPONDENCE.

K. J. G. (Harrow).—Yes; when with due acknowledgments.

"SOLVER" (Alberta, Canada).—(1) White: K at K6; R at KB6; B at KB sq; Kts at K4, and KB3; P at KR2. Black: K at KR8; R at KKt7; Ps at QB2, Q3, and KB5. (2) Called a "short" mate; due to Black's weak play.

ACROSTICS.

A new quarter begins with No. 1,324, printed below. Solvers are requested to study the rules, as they cannot be reprinted during the quarter. Prizes to the amount of £10 will be awarded to the most successful solvers.

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1. Two answers may be sent to any or all of the lights. Solvers who send alternatives to any light must be careful to write both their answers to that light on the same horizontal line, the second one outside the uprights; any written at the foot or elsewhere will not receive credit.
2. At the foot of his answer every solver must write his pseudonym, consisting of one word.
3. Solvers who write a second letter, to correct a previous answer, must send the complete solution as they wish it, and not merely state the desired alteration. They should also draw attention to the fact that a corrected answer is being sent, so that the first one may be destroyed.
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DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1324.

Fruit luscious, delicate, supreme:
Please pass the sugar and the cream.
1. Rough underwood may hint convey
That some one has a washing-day.
2. Some people beat, some people mark,
Father was old before the Ark.
3. More headstrong; and, if so you wish,
Bacon shall be your breakfast dish.
4. Man, if he stands beside this tree,
Will civic dignitary be.
5. Who famous old prescription tries
Healthy becomes, and this, and wise.

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DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,323, AND ANSWER.

Princess and robe to one and all
May name of famous Springs recall.
1. Confections mixed with labour should assist
You in your search for ancient colonist.
2. "Look round thee," wrote the poet, "Here's tho place"—
The person then addressed you have to trace.
3. To slender rod of whalebone fish unite;
Bearded and European is the light.
4. "Stony" and "swift." Discover, if you can,
First of the pair named by a mighty man.

SILEX.

1.	S	I	C	E	L	I	O	T
2.	A	S	T	O	L	P	H	O
3.	R	E	E	D	L	I	N	G
4.	A		B	A		N		A

NOTES.—Proem. Sara (Hebrews, ch. 11) means "princess." Light 1. Anagram:—Ices, toil. 2. Scott, Rob Roy, ch. 22. Light 4. Naaman. Abana or Amana means "stony," Pharpar "swift."

Acrostic No. 1,322 (*Scotland*).—Correct answers were received from four solvers only; two competitors had three lights correct, fourteen gained two marks, and thirty-six gained one mark.

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Clubs, A, x, bid "Two Diamonds"; A, "No Bid"; Y, holding Spades, K, J, 10; Hearts, A, Q, x, x; Diamonds, Q, J; Clubs, x, x, x, x, bid "Two Hearts"; B, "No Bid"; Z, "Four Hearts"; and all passed. Result: Grand Slam in Hearts. Answer.—These two hands are very interesting, because, like many others it would have been difficult and risky to bid a Slam on them. I should have preferred as Z to bid "Two No-trumps"; Y must make this "Three No-trumps," and Z could then say "Four Diamonds." Y would now realise that a Slam signal was given and would show his Ace of Hearts by bidding "Four Hearts." Z now knows Y has the Ace of Hearts and a sufficiently strong hand to encourage him in finding a Slam bid, otherwise Y would have said "Four No-trumps" in an effort to close the bidding. Z knows nothing about the length of Y's suit of Hearts, so cannot support this suit, but must re-bid his Diamonds and Y might then risk "Six Diamonds." Z could show his Ace of Clubs, but "Five Diamonds" is a better bid, as it invites a Slam in that suit.

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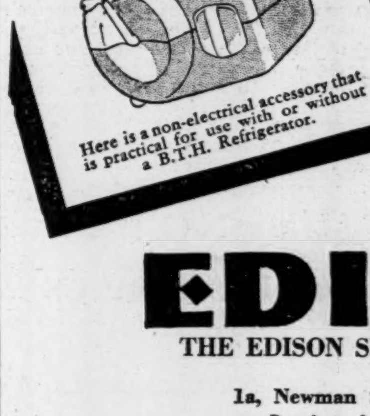

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

EVER READY COMPANY (GREAT BRITAIN).

POSITION FURTHER CONSOLIDATED.

INCREASED SALES AND PROFIT

The annual general meeting of the Ever Ready Company (Great Britain), Ltd., manufacturers of batteries and electrical sundries, was held on Monday at Holloway, London, N.

Mr. Magnus Goodfellow (chairman and managing director), who presided, said: In concluding my speech to you at the general meeting a year ago I said: "I feel justified in telling you that we look forward not only to the consolidation of the position that we have succeeded in attaining, but to the further development of our business." The results before you have been obtained in a difficult year and in the face of most severe competition—greater competition than I ever before remember.

The sales for the year show an increase of 22½ per cent. over the sales of the previous year, and the increase in profit, amounting to £34,388, would have been at least proportionate to the increase in sales but for the fall in the values of materials and commodities during February and March, which necessitated our writing down stocks to the lower market values on March 31. Our low stock values and the lower prices at which we have been able to purchase our materials for the coming year have enabled us to effect reductions in price to the consumer of a number of our productions, which will, I think, still further stimulate the popularity and sale of our products.

During the past year we have not only maintained our technical and chemical efficiency, but we have improved both, and the expenditure on the expansion of the factories and equipment, amounting to £35,571, referred to in our report to you, together with the expenditure on extensions already in hand, amounting to £30,000, should result in a considerable increase in our powers of production and a considerable advance in our technical efficiency during the coming year.

The public use of portable dry batteries in every walk of life has grown continuously during the past twenty years, and it is my belief that new uses will be discovered as time goes on.

FOREIGN COMPETITION.

The consumer and the trade as a whole continue to extend to us their good will, and appreciate the benefits of using and handling stable articles such as ours in preference to the goods imported into this country by our foreign competitors. We intend to continue to give the trade all the service we are capable of, and we believe they will not only continue to support us as heretofore, but strengthen their support against this foreign competition, which, in the long run, can benefit neither the consumer, the trader, the workpeople, nor the community as a whole.

After dealing with the accounts in detail, he concluded by saying: During the past few months I have read a number of speeches delivered by the chairmen of large and important manufacturing businesses in this country, and I have just recently returned from a visit to our connections on the Continent of Europe, where full details of the position have been placed before me. It appears to me to be generally accepted that the present world-wide trade depression may continue during the coming year, and may even grow worse than it is at present. The cause of the depression appears to be excessive production and lower consumption, due to the fall in spending power in a number of countries.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

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During the four months ended on March 31 last the general trade position did not prevent our own expansion, and for the two months ended May 31 to date our sales are greater than they were for the two months ended May 31 a year ago. We have grounds for the belief, therefore, that the preparations we have made for an increased production will result in our doing an increased business during the coming year.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted and final dividends of 5 per cent. on the Preference shares (making the maximum of 10 per cent. for the year) and of 25 per cent. on the Ordinary shares (making 35 per cent. for the year) were declared.

At a subsequent extraordinary general meeting the authorised capital of the company was increased to £1,000,000. The Chairman intimated that there was no intention to make any immediate issue.

THE DRAMATIC WORLD.

MOISSI AGAIN.

By JAMES AGATE.

Globe. Monday, June 2.

"HAMLET."

Revival in German of Shakespeare's Tragedy.

Dr. Johnson was once asked whether great music affected him to the point of shedding tears or running into the thick of a battle. "No, sir," said Johnson, "and if it did I should not hear it." Great acting must have the effect Johnson denied, otherwise one may legitimately declare that one has not seen it It is easy not to write tragedies in blank verse, and it is equally easy not to play "Hamlet." The foreign player who gives this particular battle must do or die in the attempt; Herr Moissi dies. Dies, that is to say, by any standard of greatness, though he lives abundantly by the measure of competence and the knack of making the mind accept what eye and ear reject. If there is one thing certain about a great actor it is that you know him at once. When Fedya in the Russian play sat up on that gipsy sofa we were conscious of disappointment; when the curtain went up on the Court of Denmark we were again disappointed, since here stood a Hamlet possessed of every physical disadvantage. The figure was without grace—insignificant torso, thin thighs, thick ankles, the mask not tragic but that of a comedian, the hands podgy, and the fingers comfortable.

A Born Comedian.

Hazlitt says simply about Hamlet: "There should be as much of the gentleman and scholar as possible infused into the part, and as little of the actor." But as Herr Moissi stood there he looked every inch the actor, and a particular kind of actor, the *cabotin* who has trod a hundred boards and from childhood breathed the air of playhouses. Coquelin's mask, when the actor was not playing, was totally undistinguished, parchment to be written upon or wax to be modelled. Herr Moissi has this same clayey look, the birthright and treasure of your great comedian, which is what we take this German-Italian actor to be. Herr Moissi impresses us as we are impressed by an expressive puppet. Give him strings, and he would be the greatest artist in Signor Mariani's collection; and for any great comic actor there can be no higher praise. But from this to Hamlet is a world away Hamlet is a prince, or we read him so; Herr Moissi might have been some foundling adopted by Gertrude out of good nature. 'He had no wear of nobility, and showed no sign of intellectual ascendancy, but strode about the Court in cringing attitudes as one expecting to be snubbed. When he spoke his voice soared at once into a high servile whine. Throughout the entire piece he was, as the French say, *penaud*.

Sarah on Acting.

It may be argued that there is no reason why Hamlet should be, in the horse-coper's phrase, a "good-looker," that Ophelia's: "The glass of fashion and the mould of form" is the mere mistress's partiality. It may be that Hamlet *in real life*, if we can hypothecate that absurdity, was like Traddles bereft of his smile. It may be that Coriolanus had the demeanour of Uriah Heep, and that Romeo was indistinguishable from a *commis* in to-day's Soho restaurant. Those who hold such a line of reasoning to be valid cannot be answered; the most we can tell them is that they are going behind the actor's achievement and taking delight in his intention. But the art of *acting* is a mistress exacting even to harshness; no actor, whatever his power of mind and soul, can play Henry V. if he be squat, or Lear if he be puny.

One of the greatest actresses of all time has said in her manual of acting: "Beethoven and Berlioz, Michaelangelo and Raphael might have been club-footed, nobody would have remembered it. The dramatic artist, on the other hand, is considerably handicapped in this respect. An actor must be tall, have a good figure, an expressive and pleasing face, and nothing that detracts from the general harmony of his body. If he be under the average height he is precluded from appearing on the stage, unless he possess an extraordinary genius which would make the most exacting spectator forget the defect which nothing could overcome. Here study and the most resolute determination are powerless." And again: "An actor who is too short has no future." Coquelin was a magnificent actor, yet his nose precluded any approach to tragedy. Herr Moissi may have "extraordinary genius," but if so it is genius for the comic. He would play wistful imps and pathetic gnomes to perfection, and it may well be that his Peer Gynt is a marvel. But with all respect to our Norwegian friends, Peer is not Hamlet.

This Hamlet.

The foregoing may seem a harsh judgment; but I can only express what I feel. All works of art are hit or miss, and it is no excuse for a student who has forgotten the date of Waterloo that he could write a brilliant essay on the economic reasons for that battle. Herr Moissi obviously knows all about Hamlet; within his reading there is every shade of meaning which the most exacting would desire to find. The character is realised, and you might even say that it was lived. But it is not *presented*, and that is the whole trouble. It is intelligent, tender, sympathetic, and mean. Where this Hamlet should terrify, he is himself terrified. He is duly appalled by the Ghost, but his "Angels and ministers of grace" does not in turn appal us. The Play scene is better led up to than I can remember, but the climax, "What, frighted with false fire?" is utterly missed. The rant over the grave went for nothing. But everything that care and intelligence could do was done, and when, at the end, Herr Moissi came forward to express his thanks he did this with so much charm and humility that one took an instant liking to the little artist. But one does not like or dislike a great tragedian any more than one likes or dislikes the Andes; they are there, and so is he.

There can be no doubt whatever about the extraordinary merits of the company. The opening scene between Bernardo, Francisco, Horatio, and Marcellus was played better than I have ever seen it, for when these simple soldiers saw the Ghost they breathed as people breathe when they are frightened Herr Josef Danegger made of Claudius a bloat, rubicund, and smiling villain, rather like a Nuremberg clock-maker's toy. Frau Johanna Terwin, making an excellent Queen, had one super-intelligent gesture in which she hinted to Claudius that Cornelius, Voltimand, and Laertes are all very well, but that he really ought to pay a little attention to Hamlet. The Polonius and First Grave-digger of Herr Hübner and Herr Diegelmann were beyond praise, and I have no doubt that the Ophelia of Fraulein Hanni Hoessrich was lovely. But there is a saturation-point in Ophelias, and I have seen too many lately to be able to take in a new one. The manhandling of the text is indicated by the fact that the "Fall of a sparrow" speech was omitted! Add that the Claudius-Laertes plot about the poisoned rapier was left out, and it will be understood why this five-act and five-hour tragedy could begin at ten past eight and conclude at twenty to eleven.

St. Martin's. Tuesday, June 3.

"PETTICOAT INFLUENCE."

A Comedy. By Neil Grant.

If the aim of comedy be to shoot folly as it flies then this piece is wholly admirable, since every character in it is a fool and every bosom receives its meed of arrows. Richard Chalfont (Mr. Frank Allenby), rich in an imbecility surely rare in the Civil Service, believes that the best way of getting a job under a corrupt administration is to spend the afternoon not in pulling wires, but at Lord's, and the evening in writing to his small son about the batting. The Earl of Darnaway (Sir Nigel Playfair) is the kind of Ministerial Ass who will give the post Chalfont should have to his wife's uncle, Lord Algernon Raytoun (Mr. Morton Selten), well knowing him to be the complete and perfect crétin. The Countess of Darnaway (Miss Jane Millican) is the kind of middle-aged silly who believes that the indiscretion of her husband's bored secretary, Reginald Melcombe (Mr. Robert Holmes) is a passion rooted in eternity. Melcombe is just the kind of donkey who would make love to his employer's wife in the simple faith that he can desist when he wants to. About the disingenuousness of Chalfont's wife, Peggy (Miss Diana Wynyard), one is less certain, for she has wit enough to attempt blackmail and not be ashamed of her behaviour until somebody calls it by its right name. Peggy has discovered the liaison between Lady Darnaway and her husband's friend Melcombe. And unless her ladyship takes the job away from her uncle and hands it to Peggy's husband . . .

For some reason which seems all right in the theatre, though away from it I forget what it is, Peggy modifies her insinuations, but so clumsily that Darnaway takes Peggy's husband to be his wife's lover. So he arranges a little *parti carré*, at which everybody is going to divorce and re-marry everybody else, never, presumably, having read "The New Macchiavelli" and in igorance of what happens to Ministers who indulge in the luxury of mixing with divorcées, admirals, and probationers. But by this time the piece has ceased to be serious and now aims at being no more than a witty comedy of bad manners. In the end Darnaway resigns himself to the hell which awaits every man who, right in the principle of his wife's infidelity, has guessed wrong in the example.

The play is deliciously acted throughout, everybody doing that which, when he or she was cast, it was foreseen that he or she would do brilliantly. Or you might put it that the piece is not being acted in the way in which, say, French actors understand acting. Let us have this out, for it is one of the main reasons why all foreign acting is so immensely superior to ours. I make a great difference here between the men and the women. There are not many ways, up to middle-age, of being pretty and graceful, and Miss Wynyard does right to continue in her own charm, though Miss Jane Millican, during her moments of addle-pated infatuation, exhibits something which is more obviously not herself. But in the men's case I have no hesitation. Mr. Allenby and Mr. Holmes present in this play the two agreeable young men they are always presenting, instead of casting about for new and entertaining idiosyncrasies. Sir Nigel Playfair recently played a clergyman, and now plays a bureaucrat. Both functionaries are largely like each other because both largely resemble Sir Nigel, who has a personality strongly and delightfully marked. Yet your first-class French comic actor would scorn to have a personality; his mask is a willed and wilful mass of indetermination which he can mould into any shape.

As I was setting down the above the recollection came of Mr. Selten—last, loneliest, loveliest of Edwardian rakes—regarding each pretty woman as a cat of lineage eyes a bowl of cream. An actor as defined above might find nine-and-sixty ways of portraying Edwardian rakes. Mr. Selten's single way suffices. Let him leave alone all theories of acting and stick to felicity!

FILM NOTES.

"THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND."

By SYDNEY W. CARROLL.

What is the inevitable dramatic fascination of an island? It is surrounded on all sides by romance. The sea kisses its every bay, strand, and headland. The voices of countless unseen sirens echo from shore to shore.

In "The Mysterious Island," at the Empire, we have a more magical plot of earth than ever When Jules Verne wrote his highly imaginative novel, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" he visualised the modern submarine, and Lucien Hubbard, the clever director of the present experiment in reproducing that exciting tale, has caught the spirit of the original adventure with a pictorial audacity and a disregard of the cashbox that is typically American. What a dream!

I just loved this film It is terrifying. It has all the monstrous exaggeration and pictorial elasticity of a Doré masterpiece. Its mechanical and human impressiveness are put into the background by an eerie and gruesome dabbling with marine monsters, and thousands of undersea pygmies—a devilish nightmare of the sea's depths—staged with brilliant technical skill, conceived and carried out with the inventive skill of an imaginative genius and the purse of a Rothschild. It is true the picture has its absurd and impossible moments. But what film has not?

Lionel Barrymore, that fine dramatic actor, heads the cast. Lionel Hughes and Jane Daly make love in diving suits as no other film stars have ever done before. Montague Love gives Lionel a run for his money.

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The talkies have discovered a half-way meeting-place between conversational smartness and the old game of "chase me," so beloved by silent picture producers. "Burning Up" is a capital example of speed mania allied with real wit. The modern film hero is of his own right always a crook with a conscience. That awkward article is usually stirred into flutterings by reason of newly awakened love. I found the dialogue and treatment quite bright, and when Richard Arlen and Francis McDonald started careering at hundreds of miles per hour round a suicide's track for motor racers I held my breath, fearing every second death would put an end to the drama. All, of course, ended happily, and much to my satisfaction.

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Absolutely the smartest and most successfully cynical talkies London has yet seen is "Slightly Scarlet," in which Clive Brook and Evelyn Brent play up against and to each other with aplomb and charm. The acting of everybody, indeed, in this bright film is first-class, particularly that of Paul Lukas, who plays a villain with an exquisite foreign accent that makes pure English seem despicable and outrageous. The story is, for once in a while, ingenious, and logical. It reminds us at moments of "On the Spot," at others of "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney"; but of its power, its sense of humour, and its utter disregard of conventional ethics there can be no question.

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If I had a dog that always put its tail between its legs I would call it "Sergeant Grischa." For it would remind me of one of the greatest curs I have ever seen in human form on the films. Whatever moral the deviser and director of this gloomy, pestilential bit of nonsense, adapted indifferently from Arnold Zweig's story, had in view I don't know. I cannot see what good object there can be in showing an American-voiced Russian giving a series of alternate exhibitions as a cry-baby, a coward, and a self-centred shirker, geared up at last into calmly facing death at the hands of a firing squad. For my own part, I was glad to see "Grischa" finished. The film, by the way, is at the Marble Arch Pavilion.

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The Tivoli has not exactly been fortunate in its selection of "The Song of the Flame." No expense has been spared in staging this coloured operetta, but very little intelligence has gone to back up the colossal expenditure. Mr. Alan Crosland has treated the Russian Revolution as a cheap peg upon which to hang a thousand out-of-date situations and the ravings of 5,000 supernumeraries gone berserk. The colour is pretty good, and the spectacle at times effective, but the acting is almost without exception as amateurish and laughable as the production itself.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

THIS WEEK'S PREMIERES.

June 9.—Vaudeville: Ruth Draper Season.
10.—Globe: "Sainte Jeanne."
Daly's: "The Command to Love."
Queen's: Angna Enters Recital (matinée.)
11.—Duke of York's: "The Way to Treat a Woman." (Famous Players' Guild.)
Royalty: "The Beaux' Stratagem."
Arts: Yvette Guilbert Recital.
12.—Prince of Wales: "Badger's Green."
14.—Globe: "La Dame aux Camélias."
15.—Strand: "Who Knows?"

Playgoers will have a good selection to choose from this week. On Tuesday the Pitoeffs (who arrived in London last night) open at the Globe in "Sainte Jeanne," while the comedy of diplomatic life, "The Command to Love," comes to Daly's. On Wednesday the Famous Players Guild present their second production, "The Way to Treat a Woman," at the Duke of York's, with a cast including Miss Marion Lorne, Miss Cathleen Nesbitt, and Messrs. C. Aubrey Smith, George Tully, Boris Ranevsky, and Antony Holles; while on the same night "The Beaux' Stratagem" will be revived at the Royalty. On Thursday "Badger's Green," Mr. Sherriff's new play, opens at the Prince of Wales's, and on Saturday the Pitoeffs will give "La Dame aux Camellias" at the Globe.

One-woman performances are on the increase. We have just had Miss Rose Quong's recital at the Arts Theatre; to-morrow Miss Ruth Draper begins her season at the Vaudeville; on Tuesday Miss Angna Enters gives the first of a series of matinées at the Queen's. On Wednesday Madame Yvette Guilbert makes a welcome reappearance at the Arts Theatre.

The play running at the Strand has been much in the public eye as a result of its changes of title; the authors originally intended to call it "Every Mother's Son," but changed to "Any Mother's Son," and later to "Moloch." This has led to some confusion, as "Moloch" is the name of a play which ran at the Comèdie Française from December 1928 to the spring of this year. and of which Miss Beatrice de Holthoir has bought the English-speaking rights. Miss de Holthoir, an actress and dramatist who has done a good deal of work in the way of adapting plays from the French, has, she tells me, written an English version of the French "Moloch" with a view to London production.

Mr. Neil Grant's comedy, "Petticoat Influence," has begun well at St. Martin's Theatre, and a £10,000 library deal has resulted—the largest deal, I am told, the St. Martin's has ever scored. A New York manager, moreover, was present on the first night and has opened negotiations for the American rights. "Petticoat Influence" will not be the first of Mr. Grant's plays to go to America: "Possessions" had a success on the other side of the Atlantic a little time ago. Meanwhile at the neighbouring theatre, the Ambassadors, "The Man in Possession" reaches its 150th performance to-morrow.

At the Prince's "A Warm Corner" reaches its 200th performance on Tuesday week, and on July 2 "The First Mrs. Fraser," at the Haymarket, will have its first birthday. (At the Prince's and Winter Garden Theatres, by the way, matinées will be given on Wednesday instead of Saturday during the summer.) "Nine till Six" at the Criterion reached its 150th performance last Wednesday. "The Three Musketeers" at Drury Lane also flourishes, and Mr. Robert Naylor is now playing the part of Buckingham. "The Middle Watch" reaches its 350th performance at the Shaftesbury Theatre next Wednesday evening.

Mr. Cecil Parker, Miss Dorothy Hamilton and Miss Dorothy Holmes-Gore will play the leading parts in the Repertory Players' last production this season—a serious play called "Who Knows?" dealing with the India question. The author, Mr. Francis Charles Baly, lived in India for thirty-five years, and from 1913 to 1918 was detective inspector-general of the Bengal Criminal Investigation Department. This is his first play; although the incidents are fictitious, they are based on facts from his own experience.

Goethe's "Faust" (in German) will be presented by J. T. Grein's Cosmopolitan Theatre at the Arts Theatre to-day fortnight. The play will be produced by Michael Orme, and the cast, which is mainly English, will include Mr. Tristan Rawson as Faust, Miss Joan Clement-Scott as Margaret, and Mr. Gerald Cooper as Mephistopheles. Others in the cast of thirty include Mr. Emlyn Williams, Mr. Guy Pelham Boulton, Mr. Austin Trevor, Miss Ann Stephenson, and Miss Alix Grein. Mr. J. T. Grein has just been on a short visit to Germany, and has returned with the rights of a number of the latest plays.

The next production by the Everyman Theatre Guild will be seen to-morrow week—"Long Shadows," by Mr. Philip Johnson, a young playwright whose work is well known in the North, but who has as yet had no play produced in London. The cast will include Miss Josephine Wilson, Miss Margaret Yarde, Miss Una O'Connor, and Mr. Frederick Peisley, who had such a success in "To What Red Hell" at Wyndham's.

The management of the Apollo Theatre have arranged to give a special matinée of "Insult," in aid of Bart.'s Hospital on June 25, when Colonel Robert Loraine has promised to appear. Jan Fabricius, the author of "Dolle Hans," from which "Insult" has been adapted by Mr. J. E. Harold Terry, has also undertaken to be present, and will make a short speech.

Only a fortnight remains before "The Co-Optimists of 1930" bring to an end their twelve weeks season at the London Hippodrome. Arrangements are now being made for a tour of the larger suburban, sea-side and other provincial theatres. The successor to the "Co-Optimists" is to be "Sons of Guns," a new Clayton and Waller musical comedy, which will open on June 25 after a two-week season at the Empire Theatre, Liverpool, beginning to-morrow. The cast includes Mr. Bobby Howes, Miss Mireille Perrey, Mr. Gordon Harker, Mr. Griffiths Humphrey, Mr. Robert English, Mr. Bruce Carfax, Miss Molly Fisher, Mr. Peter Haddon, Mr. Ernest Graham, and Miss Rosie Moran.

The Marie Rambert Dancers, with Madame Karsavina at their head, are to give a season at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, as soon as the run of the "Beggar's Opera" is ended. Their programme will include the "Sylphides," the "Spectre de la Rose," "Leda and the Swan," a Botticellian phantasy to music by Gluck, "Our Lady's Juggler," the tale adapted from Anatole France and set to music by Respighi; "Capriol Suite," a series of mock-antique dances set to the ultra-modern music of Peter Warlock; "Le Rugby," a football burlesque, with music by Poulenc, and many solo and ensemble dances by Karsavina and the ballet company.

In the O.U.D.S. production of "Twelfth Night" at Oxford the part of Viola will be played by Miss Yvonne Rorie. This is her first big Shakespearean part, though she has appeared in certain of Sir Nigel Playfair's revivals at the Lyric. Olivia will be played by Miss Jessica Tandy, who has recently returned from New York, where she has been playing Toni in "The Matriarch" with Miss Constance Collier. Maria will be played by Miss Elsa Palmer. She played with the O.U.D.S. in their production of "The Pretenders" some years ago, and also in "The Humours of the Court" at the Arts Theatre last January.

All Mr. Archibald Nettlefold's friends will be glad to hear that he is recovering from his serious illness, and should before very long be able to resume his many activities. One of them will be represented in the Stage Guild stall at the Theatrical Garden Party on Friday week, though Mr. Nettlefold will unfortunately not be present himself.

D. P.

OUR PARIS LETTER

M. TARDIEU'S FIGHT.

A NEW FRANCE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, Saturday.

A little drama is being enacted in the lobbies of the Chamber and in certain newspaper offices just now. Its theme has no reference to the discussions in the Legislature; it concerns the future of the present Government. M. Tardieu himself is responsible for the prologue of the play. In his great speech at Dijon last Sunday he dealt very courageously with the attitude of those politicians who are seeking to bring him down—the Radicals and Socialists. The facts he cited were of a character to place them in a bad light before the country. He had invited them to cease their intrigues and to associate themselves with the work of a Government of Republican Union. That was in February, when he was forming his second Government. The invitation was spurned. The intriguing continued.

The Radicals, led by M. Herriot and M. Daladier, will never forgive M. Tardieu for the strictures he has passed upon them. They are intriguing against him more furiously than ever. They mean to have his political skin. Their game is to oust him from power and to take possession once more of the Parliamentary machine. But M. Tardieu mocks at the crack of their whip. He refuses to commit suicide at their bidding. He has told them plainly that if they wish to return to the policy of national union they must begin at the beginning and cease their association with the extreme left. That will be a difficult operation, for the left wing of the Radical Party appears to be more and more enslaved by the Socialists.

In the meantime the drama of intrigue played in the lobbies of the Chamber is likely to be a lengthy piece, and from present portents of the *dénouement* will be disappointing for the players. M. Tardieu still occupies a strong position. He is a master tactician and a great fighter, and from what I can see nothing is likely to happen to him during the Parliamentary session which will last until the eve of the National Fête in the middle of July. I make this prophecy, always remembering that the French Chamber is a place of dramatic surprises.

NATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

One thing in M. Tardieu's favour, in so far as the country is concerned, is that realistic measure of his for equipping France, for increasing her production so that she shall be in a position to give a good account of herself when the economic reconstruction of Europe is an accomplished fact, and when it will be a case of each country making a bold attempt to augment its foreign trade. It is nothing short of a new France that the realist Premier is seeking to create.

The work will last five years, and the Government's contribution to the cost will be £40,000,000. The departments and communes will co-operate. Facilities will be given to them by which they can obtain advances amounting to £1,000,000 a year for five years, and to carry out the programme will cost something like £140,000,000.

The intention is to overhaul France completely. It will not only be a case of spending millions of pounds on roads, ports, electrification of country districts, developing the agricultural industry and increasing its exports, improving commercial aviation, building fast steamers for the trade between France and Algeria, doing away with dangerous level crossings, and reorganising the inland waterways. There will be an overhauling of the social services. More hospitals will be built, libraries enlarged, and laboratories created, while huge sums will be spent in fighting infant mortality, cancer, and infectious diseases. It is a marvellous programme, and one may well be amazed that it should be possible for France to carry it out when it is remembered that she was on the brink of bankruptcy four years ago. Fortunate France, after all her sacrifices in blood and treasure in the war!

PRINCE OF SINGERS.

The *chansonniers* of Montmartre are usually so gay as well as harmonious that it is surprising to find there is disagreement among them on a question of great interest to their corporation. These ballad-makers had always a prince. He was elected by reason of his high standing as a poet and the great success he achieved in the cabaret world in singing his own effusions. The last prince was Xavier Privas. He had a deep voice; he put much sentiment into his songs; and when he sat down at the piano he could never say when he would be able to leave it, for his enthusiastic audience demanded one song after another.

When Xavier Privas died the question of his successor as Prince of the *chansonniers* was eagerly discussed. Then a strange thing happened. The Montmartre song-writers, humorists, and satirists did not see why they should have a prince. Were they not living under a republic, not the French Republic, but the Free and Independent Commune of Montmartre? Their *Butte Sacrée* had no use for a prince. So much heart-burning was caused by the discussion that the review, the "Chanson de Paris," took up the matter and asked its readers whether a prince should be elected.

As was to be expected, the Montmartre singers said "No." But there is a rather imposing band of *chansonniers* who do not live in Montmartre They refused to obey the behests of the Free and Independent Commune. They wanted a prince, and they replied "Yes" to the question put by the review. They have got him. By a large majority they have elected Edmond Teulet, president of "La Lice Chansonniere," to the position of prince so worthily filled by Xavier Privas. The new prince is a jovial, bearded man who wears a distinctive collar and a broad-brimmed hat. It is true that his kingdom is a divided one, but it is hoped that melody and sentiment will soon dissipate divergencies among the poets in Montmartre and elsewhere.

FEMININE COURAGE.

Are women capable of displaying the same physical, moral, intellectual, and civic courage as men? This question has been raised this week by Mme. Jean Portail, the novelist, who in her spare moments collects for a popular newspaper the opinions of notable personalities on all manner of questions affecting the relations of men and women She has been very happy in the last topic she has chosen for discussion, and the replies she has obtained on the subject of women's courage have been so arresting that the sober *Temps* has been induced to consecrate an article to the subject.

Of course, there is a catholicity of views on this matter. History has been laid under contribution to show that in every department of human activity women can display courage in every way equal to that shown by men A shining example cited is that of Miss Amy Johnson, the 22-year-old Yorkshire girl, who has flown in her aeroplane, the Jason, from England to Australia. "What do you say to that, you men who are sceptical of women's courage?" ask the champions of femininity. The reply of Frenchmen of all ranks is to incline their heads and to admit that the English girl has proved to the world that some women are capable of the highest form of courage.

"PRIEST OF THE PARISH."

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—The game of "Priest of the Parish" is certainly much older than Mr. P. W. Thompson suggests, for Capt. Marryat gives a very full description of it as played in the gunroom of a port guardship in "The King's Own," which was first published in 1830, just a hundred years ago.

H. E. HOLMES, Capt., R.N. (ret.).

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THE HOUSING QUESTION.

STATE AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DUBLIN, Saturday.

The value of co-operation between the Government and business men was well illustrated by the address which General Mulcahy, the Minister for Local Government, gave to the Dublin Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday on the question of housing. Since 1922 and with the aid of some three millions of subsidy 20,000 houses have been provided, and yet to-day there still remains a shortage of 31,000. It is instructive to note that prior to 1924 all houses were built by local authorities, and each house cost on an average £800, £500 of which was provided by the State. Under the various schemes since 1924 the State subsidy fell to £75 per house, and the bulk of them was built by private persons.

The tendency in country districts to leave all new housing to the local authority was one which the Minister viewed with some anxiety He instanced that in Tralee the local authority would be landlords of half the population. As he implied, the only remedy was to get back to economic conditions and encourage private enterprise to supply the demand. Unfortunately, this cannot be done so long as the control of rents exists, and at the present moment a Bill is passing through Parliament to continue this unwholesome restriction.

DUBLIN'S SLUMS.

It was suggested by one speaker that in spite of all the effort and expense of the past eight years little impression had been made on the slum problem of Dublin, where 78,920 of the city's population live in single-room tenements. The effect of providing four- and five-roomed houses, which was the earlier policy, was to encourage sub-letting, and only perpetuate the evils of congestion. Yet another peculiar handicap is the cost of building where the wages of skilled grades, still at the 1922 level, are at least 15 per cent. more than in England, and where output is regarded, by contractors at least, as not so high. In the meantime the Government is pledged to bring in a Town Tenants Bill, which if it follows the recommendations of the Town Tenants Commission, will damp down any flicker of private enterprise.

GROWING *DROIT ADMINISTRATIF.*

It is to be hoped that the Senate will stick to its guns in the stand it is making against the growth of the *droit administratif*. In the Greater Dublin Bill the Minister sought the usual wide powers to adopt and amend by order any existing Act necessary to carry the present measure into operation. As Senator Johnston pointed out, it was impossible to foresee the full effect of such wide powers, but it was none the less clear that existing legal rights could be abrogated by executive action. The Senator proposed that such Orders should be adopted by positive resolution of both Houses instead of being allowed as at present, to become effective if not challenged within twenty-one days. The amendment, which was carried, brought Republican, Labour, and Conservatives into the same Lobby. It will now be interesting to see whether, for probably the first time in eight years, the Conservative element will be able to resist the pressure which the Government will certainly exert to have this decision reversed.

CURRENCY AND BANKING.

Senator Connolly has developed in the adjourned debate the views of his party on the subject of currency and banking. Senator Jameson dealt ably, as a banker, with the realities of the position and pointed out that it was not the business of deposit banks to provide the fixed capital for industry—and, he might have added, industry fostered by fiscal artifice When asked what was to take the place of the gold standard, which his party was pledged to abandon, the mover replied, "Credit," and that even would be under political control. Apart from the damage that this kind of ignorant talk must do to our national credit, it is even likely that the party has over-bid its hand in this last venture Among its supporters are many small depositors who have a very shrewd sense when their pockets are concerned.

A TEST ELECTION.

The bye-election in Longford and Westmeath is producing lively scenes. During the week, proceedings in the Dail are not uninfluenced by the impending event. The Government candidate is a local medical practitioner, popular and respected; the Labour candidate a Senator—the first Senator to seek popular election—with considerable local influence; the Fianna Fail aspirant is a K.C. of some eminence and clear ambition, who, in defending his change of loyalty, claimed to be in the illustrious company of Parnell, who once wore the uniform of the Wicklow militia, Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Saint Paul, and Senator Dowdall. Polling is on the 17th, and it is looked on as a test election.

GAELIC AND "FOREIGN" GAMES.

The Minister for Finance has decided that Gaelic games shall alone be exempt from entertainment tax, and this in spite of strong pleas from Doctors Hennessy and O'Higgins —a brother of Kevin—both staunch supporters, and from the Labour benches. It was pointed out that Gaelic games would not suffer by this concession, whereas the effect of discrimination would probably be to create bitterness and divide sport. It is significant that, in spite of official discouragement and the active hostility of the Gaelic League, foreign games—so called—especially Rugby football, are becoming more popular in Gaelic districts. Whether this is due to perversity or independence I cannot say, but in any case it is a rare and welcome display of moral courage.

GRAND PRIX MOTOR RACES.

Preparations are well in hand for the Grand Prix motor races, which take place on the 18th and 19th of July. The arrangements this year admit of more circulation to the general public, who will be able to pass by means of the tunnel under the road near the Phœnix Monument from the inner to the outer circle. The entries are smaller than last year, but it is said that there will actually be more starters. Last year the turnstiles were placed some thirty yards or so inside the main gates, thus allowing the public free access to a small portion of the Park, in order, it is believed, to comply with the Act which permits the closing of a portion only of the Park. This year it is understood that this element of pretence is to be abandoned. In the meantime it is to be hoped that equestrian statues will not be used as braces for telephone wires, that litter will be promptly cleared up, and that those shrubs which survived the ravages of cattle when the railings were removed last year and which are slowly recovering will this year be adequately protected. The taxpayer has already voted £3,000 for last year's losses, and may not unreasonably ask for the more old-fashioned amenities to be respected.

SHANNON SCHEME.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce speaks with much optimism about the Shannon scheme prospects. He even refers to a "new Shannon scheme," which suggests that some other river may be harnessed He now anticipates that the existing supply of current will all be used and that the operations will be remunerative within two and a-half years.

Scarcely a woman in Shaw's plays seems to feel any comradeship with other women.—*Lady Rhondda.*

Restoration of agriculture is vital to the very life of this country.—*Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, M.P.*

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TOSCANINI AND HIS ORCHESTRA.

By ERNEST NEWMAN.

The reader must forgive me if I commence this article with a quotation from myself. In March 1925, writing my first London concert notice after having returned from a six months' sojourn in the United States, I paid this generous tribute to one of our local organisations: "I was afraid that after the splendid American orchestras our own would sound very poor, but I was agreeably disappointed. The L.S.O., I suppose, ranks as our premier orchestra; and I am glad to be able to record that at its concert last Monday it compared not unfavourably with the orchestras in some of the New York picture-houses." For this kind thought I received a good deal of abuse from patriots who did not know how fine some of the New York cinema orchestras are, and knew still less of the quality of the great American concert orchestras. Now that they have heard the Philharmonic-Symphony, which is a merger of two former orchestras, the New York Philharmonic and the New York Symphony, they will perhaps be more inclined than they were to admit the justice of my remark of five years ago. But they seem to be in danger now of going to the opposite extreme. We have been assured many times during the last week that this New York orchestra is the finest in the world. Magnificent as it is, it is not that: at least two other American orchestras—the Philadelphia and the Boston Symphony—are its equals, while there are three or four other orchestras in the States that are very little below its level.

APPORTIONING THE PRAISE.

That this has been the greatest week that the present generation of English music lovers can remember will be disputed by no one who heard the four concerts of the Philharmonic-Symphony under Toscanini. We may have had performances that reached even greater heights in some respects—some of Sir Thomas Beecham's, for instance, during last year's Delius Festival—but for technical perfection on the part of the orchestra and for perfection of liaison between orchestra and conductor this week's performances stand out supreme.

It becomes a little difficult, indeed, to apportion our praise justly between conductor and orchestra. The Berlin and the Vienna orchestras are excellent, but in London we heard them both under a conductor whom I have never been able to look upon as being anything like first-rate. That Toscanini is not only a masterful disciplinarian but a musician of genius it is superfluous for me to point out; but to decide how much of the superb effect of these four concerts has been due to Toscanini and how much to the orchestra is anything but easy. And I hope I shall not be thought to be disparaging Toscanini—for whom I have the profoundest admiration—if I say that he has been given a good deal of the credit that is due to some-one else—not even the orchestra, but the munificent American donors and guarantors of the orchestra. For obviously in the first place these players are the best that money can buy, and in the second place the terms of their engagement permit of practically unlimited rehearsal. Not all the Toscaninis in the world could draw such playing out of an English orchestra—for in no English orchestra is the material first-class throughout—or evoke such finesse from the players under the conditions as to rehearsal that obtain in this country. We are up primarily against a question not of genius but purely and simply of economics.

THE BASIC FACTOR.

Thousands of people during the past week must have felt that they were hearing this or that classical masterpiece for the first time. As a matter of fact they were; but the basic factor in the revelation was not the genius of Toscanini, great as that is, but the American dollar. The overwhelming effect made by certain works was due in the first instance to the fact that we were at last hearing them as their composer wrote them. By this I do not mean that the conductor did not read himself into them. No conductor can help doing that. I mean that before reading himself into them Toscanini takes care that the players shall play exactly what is set down in the score. The average concert-goer fancies he knows his Beethoven and his Wagner inside out. He is mistaken; he knows only the broad outline of them. He would probably be surprised to learn that he has never yet heard on an English orchestra and under an English conductor a Beethoven symphony precisely as Beethoven wrote it; but that is the simple truth.

Under English conditions it is impossible to work out and polish every detail of Beethoven's accentuation and phrasing, still less to make this detail so much second nature to the players that it can be left to their sub-consciousness to take charge of it, the conscious volition being free to follow the conductor in his planning of the broad lines, musical and intellectual, of the work. Only economic conditions such as those that obtain in American music make all this possible. At ten thousand points in the past week's performances we have had the delighted feeling that never before has Beethoven or Wagner or this or that other composer spoken so lucidly and so convincingly to us. But the secret of it all is simplicity itself; never before have we heard precisely what the composer has set down on paper. This will have been evident to any-one who followed the Eroica, let us say, with the score. Few composers have marked their music with such care as Beethoven has his; when he puts a staccato dot over a note he really means it, and he also means by it, though some editors do not appear to have been aware of the fact, something quite different from a dash over the note.

TECHNICAL PERFECTION.

There are thousands of niceties of this kind in a score to which it is utterly impossible to do justice with an English orchestra, for the simple reason that time does not permit. Through constant neglect of these niceties our players have ceased to believe in the vital necessity of them and have almost lost the faculty for reproducing them. I remember one foreign conductor lamenting to me that he could not get an English orchestra to make the proper distinctions in a Beethoven Symphony in a group of, say, three notes of which the first two were tied and the third staccato. To have rehearsed every fragment of this kind until the technical details were right would have meant devoting the whole morning to nothing else; and all the conductor could do was to put up with a vast amount of imperfection of detail and concentrate on the broad outlines and the general spirit of the work.

Toscanini does not appear before the public with a work until the playing is technically perfect down to the most infinitesimal detail of accent, phrasing, and dynamics; and so he gets credit for throwing a new light on the work when the greater part of what he has done is simply to ensure that we really hear what the composer wrote. I am confident that, like the great man and the conscientious artist that he is, he would be the first to admit this; he would meet praise of the novelty of so much of his Eroica with the remark, "What you took to be Toscanini was simply Beethoven. I have an unshakeable conviction that when the creator of this music phrased and accented it in a certain way it was because such phrasing and such accentuation are vital constituents of his idea. Only by the most scrupulous observance of them can the full contents of the idea be made manifest. If, as you say, you in England have never heard the Eroica sound like this before, that is only because you have never heard the Eroica precisely as Beethoven wrote it."

TOSCANINI'S CONTRIBUTION.

A good part of the stunning revelation that these performances have brought us, then, has been due primarily to an economic rather than a personal cause—to the mere fact that money has made it possible for the orchestra to go over every inch of the ground again and again until every technical detail has been mastered. Next in importance is the fact that the material of the orchestra is first-rate; given the correct conception of the dynamics, we may count on the phrase being delivered with the utmost beauty of tone and the most intimate understanding not only of its meaning in and by itself but of its meaning in regard to the work as a whole. The trite expression that the orchestra plays as one man is the only one that meets the case. Here again it is evident that the results are in large part due to unlimited rehearsal under the same conductor—a condition of affairs that we sigh for in vain in this country.

What then is Toscanini's own contribution to the result, apart from the infinite labour that must have gone into fixing the technical details at rehearsal? Those who expected to see and hear the usual star conductor must have been slightly astonished at first. There is nothing whatever of the prima donna about him. It is true that he stamps his own mentality upon every work that he plays; but he does not do it by means that are aggressively apparent to the audience. The great thing about him is the perfect *musicality* of his mind; he never does anything that outrages our sense of music as an art devoted to the creation of beauty. The basis of his style is the sense of music as primarily an art of singing. To put this down to his Italian origin would be an error; we have the same faculty equally developed in a Russian like Koussevitzky and an Englishman like Sir Thomas Beecham; the German conductors, on the other hand, mostly lack this peculiar sensitiveness to the feel of music in the throat, as it were. Here, as elsewhere, it is difficult to say where Toscanini ends and the orchestra begins; the exquisite modelling of every phrase must be in the first place the conductor's work, but only players of exceptional quality could reproduce his intentions so perfectly.

LETTER AND SPIRIT.

Few conductors of Toscanini's genius possess so completely the art of appearing to place their own minds at the service of the composer. His perfect taste prevents him from ever thrusting himself forward at the expense of the work; but of course he unconsciously writes his own mentality on all he does. On the rare occasions on which he indulges in a nuance that is not in the score we feel that even if it is not written over the music it is implied there. In the andante of the "Clock" symphony of Haydn, for example, he begins the crescendo on the long-held oboe note earlier than the composer has marked it. The whole passage is handled in terms of a virtuosity that could hardly have been within the scope of Haydn's own orchestra; but the expression, if not actually marked in the music, is certainly latent in it. Toscanini holds, I think, and rightly, that one cannot and must not play the older music with blind literalness. The older composers did not indicate their intentions so lavishly as the moderns do, perhaps because in the first place they themselves generally superintended the production of them, and in the second place because their orchestras could have had nothing like the skill of ours; and it is only doing the old music a disservice to put no more nuance into it than may be indicated in the score. But when Toscanini adds something of this kind to the mere letter of the printed page he always does it with good taste.

FEELING FOR FORM.

It would be difficult to find a conductor of the same strong personality who plays fewer tricks with a score. At the root of his genius, as of all genius of the highest order—witness Shakespeare and Goethe among the poets—is a magnificent commonsense, a ruling sanity that, while in no wise earth-bound, yet draws its strength from the common earth. It is this fundamental commonsense, touched with genius, that accounts for his superb feeling for form, a feeling that keeps him instinctively free of exaggeration. Wagner's advice to the young composer used to be, "Never leave a key until you have said all there is to be said in it." Toscanini's maxim of form seems to be, "Never vary the line until all its possibilities are exhausted." When the music calls for a slight modification of tempo he will indulge in it, but always without the least touch of exaggeration; but where the whole effect can be got within the four containing lines of a frame he will hardly depart from these by so much as a hair's-breadth. The "Tristan" Prelude and Liebestod, for example, he built up to colossal proportions with hardly a moment's deviation from the tempo of the opening; even the "comma" that Wagner has marked in two places in the Liebestod involved no such breaking of the line as some conductors give us; the quick breath-pause was enough to arrest the attention as Wagner intended it to do, but not enough to give the disturbed feeling of a sudden holding-up of the music and a beginning again. The architectural sense that can control a long work in this way is one of the rarest faculties in a conductor.

I ventured to disagree with Toscanini only in his reading of one work—Elgar's Variations. Some portions of this, it is true, were of an incomparable beauty, the "Nimrod" in particular; while the virtuosity of the playing in some of the more torrential passages was a marvel. But the reading as a whole, and especially of the finale, was insufficiently English to be authentic Elgar. There is something in this most English of composers that escapes all foreigners, no doubt because they have an insufficient acquaintance with the thousand years of culture and tradition out of which the mind of Elgar has flowered. The Germans do their best with him by assimilating him as far as they can to Wagner and Brahms and Strauss. Toscanini took an Italian view of the music; he has evidently never read Chaucer or tramped over the Malvern Hills. What he gave us, interesting as it was in itself, was a sort of "Shropshire Lad" as Carducci might have written it.

AUTUMNAL PHILOSOPHY.

Some of the performances were plainly those of an ageing man. By this I do not mean that there were any signs of failure either of physical or of mental vigour; far from it. But the view-point was often that of an artist who has shed some of his youthful passion and settled down into a mellow fireside philosopher. The reading of the Venusberg music, and the playing of it, were of a beauty beyond belief by those who did not hear it; but it was a Venusberg spiritualised by the philosophy of advancing years. Wagner, I fancy, meant the flame of the flesh to burn more fiercely than this. The "Tod und Verklärung," again, lost most of the morbidity that is the very essence of it; there was a philosophical resignation to death rather than a frenzied fight with it. Even the second Brahms symphony, incomparably lovely as it was—will any of us ever forget that horn solo in the coda of the first movement?—was a *Rückblick* upon life rather than a participation in it. I merely note these facts, without for a moment presuming to lay it down that the readings were "wrong," for a great work of art is finally just what it means to each lover of it. For me, indeed, this mellow autumnal philosophy spreading itself over a work conceived under the skies of spring has a peculiar fascination. If it is right for younger men to impose their own readings upon the last works of a mighty mind—"Parsifal" or the "Vier Ernste Gesänge" or the posthumous Beethoven quartets,—though they cannot possibly have had the experience of life that would enable them to see the works as the composers saw them, it is surely permissible for the old men to show us how the music of flaming youth looks in eyes that have grown wise with age. As Schiller says:—

> In den Ozean schifft mit tausend Masten der Jüngling;
> Still auf gerettetem Boot treibt in den Hafen der Greis.

THE WEEK'S MUSIC.

It was good neither for the Colonne Orchestra (under Gabriel Pierné) nor for us that it should come to us immediately after the New Yorkers; comparisons were inevitable. At any other time we should have been able to do the French orchestra something like justice. As it was, I must frankly admit that I, for one, found this impossible; after the delicacy and the subtlety of the American orchestra's tone and phrasing, the Colonne people seemed to be leathering away fortissimo for more than half of the time. We had two interesting quasi-novelties in Jacques Ibert's "Escales" and Pierné's "Fantaisie Basque"—both of them drily intellectual but well-made works. E. N.

Covent Garden: "Tosca."

In the case of a spoken play it is not unknown for several quite different interpretations to be recognised as equally normal. The way of opera is much straiter. A single ideal path replaces the parallel lines of normality; the musical factor narrows it, and doubtful casting is the more fraught with peril. What is the ideal in the case of Floria Tosca? The character may be described, in the *dramatis personæ*, as that of a great *diva*, but surely, except for one brief episode, in this opera it is not in her professional capacity that she must take rank, but as a woman. Signora Iva Pacetti sang the part on Tuesday throughout as a highly sophisticated *prima donna*—though an excellent tragic actress at that. And by just so much some of the significance of Puccini's musical implications was missed. Bound up with her accomplished vocalisation is a regrettable artificial wave that sometimes leaves doubts of the intended note and blenches the tone as often as she puts "work" into it. So, though the eye was abundantly satisfied the ear was often meagrely fed.

Here, then, was some departure from the ideal. The Cavaradossi of Beniamino Gigli marked one in the converse sense. In his case there is a wealth of colour in the voice, and the effect was often magnificent. Yet he functioned exactly as a very beautiful leading tenor might be expected to do, with just those gestures that are the stock-in-trade of that conventional type. Alas! "Tosca," however, is a three-character opera, and it is not certain that Scarpia is not (again, by ideals) the greatest of the three. Here we were in luck's way, for of that quite inhuman monster Mariano Stabile made something that could never have been mistaken for a moment, by ear or eye, for anything but lustful flesh and blood.

"Otello."

Friday, when "Otello" was revived, was again Stabile's night. Excellent artist that he is, he made Iago the one completely credible figure in the cast. By the same token, this figure had nothing whatever in common with his Scarpia, save an exceptional ability to throw significance into the vocal tone. The two leading characters were not ideally cast. Had Iva Pacetti sung Desdemona's music consistently on the plane of the last act, a very different impression would have been made, for the poignancy set by the "Willow Song" and the "Ave Maria" were shrewdly held and delivered with consummate vocal artistry. But in the earlier scenes both voice and bearing had seemed to protest too much for the dignity that should be Desdemona's. Nor was Renato Zanelli up to the weight of the Moor's part—the noble Moor's. He was perhaps constrained to force a light voice in the effort to hold his ground against Vincenzo Bellezza's often inconsiderate reading of the orchestral part. But this Otello was ever on wires: he gave us superficial frenzy for deep-rooted strength, petulance for the reserve of breeding.

Recital Notes.

Miss Gladys Greene, who sang a short and tastefully chosen series of songs at Wigmore Hall in the late afternoon of Wednesday, must be credited with considerable musical sympathies. These remained, however, to some extent a matter of inference: the voice is not so full nor so evenly produced that it will readily assume a variety of colours.

Sheridan Russell's nice touch upon the 'cello was again appreciated at Grotrian Hall on Thursday. It served him, well in a number of short pieces, two of them arrangements of old music by his piano-partner, Mr. Harold Craxton. Miss Enid Cruickshank sang Bach airs agreeably.

Miss Audrey Cook, a Canadian violinist, met an English audience for the first time at Æolian Hall the same evening. Though her technique was barely equal to the Cesar Franck Sonata, she has the makings of a pretty *cantabile* style. H. F.

WHITSUNDAY AT THE TOWER.

SERVICE IN ST. PETER AD VINCULA.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Whitsunday is a day of State at the Tower of London, and this morning a representative of the King (in this instance the Resident-Governor, Lieut.-Colonel D. Burges, V.C., D.S.O.) ceremoniously attends the Chapel of St. Peter ad Vincula, which stands towards the north-west within the inner ward. He appears in full military dress, with escort The yeomen warders are in attendance, bearing their halberds and wearing the scarlet and gold uniform as members of the King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard. Yet all this brilliancy of colour and ceremony, coupled with the vigorous singing of the Guards who attend the service, cannot dispel the atmosphere of tragedy associated with the building and its precincts.

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To reach the porch one passes the place of execution, now railed off, of two Queens of England—Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard—while there is ever present the consciousness of companionship with a vast host of the illustrious dead who sleep beneath St. Peter's pavements. There is nothing to tell the visitor where they lie, not even a mark on the stone that covers them. A few years ago, however, a plain brass tablet was set up in the chapel, which forcibly proclaims the sinister history of London's most ancient and interesting building.

It gives the names of those who lie beneath the chapel—a long list which embraces many of the proudest and noblest families in the annals of English history—Percys, Salisburys, Howards, and Norfolks, amongst others. Then there is the name of Lady Jane Grey, "the wise, fair, and pious Twelfth Day Queen," and that of Lord Lovat, whose execution in 1747 was the last to take place in the Tower.

These, perhaps, are the things upon which the thoughts of the congregation will be chiefly centred at this morning's service. Not even the clatter and the shouting of orders by sergeant-majors—for St. Peter's is a garrison church—can drown the whisperings that seem to come down through the ages.

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Christmas and Easter are the only other State days at the Tower, unless it be that a new Sovereign is proclaimed or a new Constable installed in office.

Before the service the warders form up on the paved space of Tower Green, the Chief Warder bearing the Tower mace. When the Governor appears he at once proceeds to shake hands with each of his escort. Then the choir, mainly composed of the sons of the warders, wearing white surplices over scarlet cassocks, leads the procession, and all take their places in the church, which is open to the public. The service does not differ from that followed in any Anglican church, and it is customary for the Governor himself to read the lessons. There is, however, the one difference, that one's thoughts inevitably wander to the wise statesmen, fair queens, child-princes, gallant warriors, and brave priests who were executed and lie in and around the chapel, whose only crimes in many cases were their rank, their patriotism, and their faith.

THE GALLERIES.

ENGLISH LANDSCAPES.

FROM WILSON TO PAUL NASH.

By FRANK RUTTER.

With a courage we must admire, the members of the London Artists' Association have arranged an exhibition in which their own landscapes and some by other living artists are shown side by side with paintings by such masters of the past as Richard Wilson, Gainsborough, and Constable.

The test would in any event be a severe one, and it becomes almost unfair competition here, where the examples of the dead are especially good, and those of the living are too frequently less good than we might reasonably expect. A gem of serene limpidity is Richard Wilson's "Backwater on the River Severn" (27), a perfect example of *la peinture claire* a century before the phrase was coined. It is a proof of the genuine originality of Wilson's mind when he forgot Italy and set about painting English landscapes. His "View on the Tiber" (18) is also lovely in quality, but while this classic composition ably continues a great tradition, the Severn picture heralds the development of a new movement in landscape painting.

Gainsborough is represented by the upright "Pool" (12) and the horizontal "On the Orwell" (28), the latter being particularly rich in colour and decorative in its romantic arrangement. The Crome (10)—if it is a Crome—is disappointing, but Cotman's "Boys Fishing" (30) is an admirable example of that still underrated master, splendidly solid in its structure and with a *tour de force* of recession in its right-hand corner.

CONSTABLE.

Mr. F. Hindley Smith is to be congratulated on possessing an absolutely perfect Constable in the large sketch of "Salisbury" (15) which he has lent to this exhibition. The skill with which Constable has placed his lights, the exact rightness of his colour-values, and the swift sureness with which the whole has been painted become the more evident the longer we study this amazing picture with its cool foreground. Mr. Wilson Steer is an adept in suggesting the flickering of light on wet foliage, but truth compels us to recognise that his "Little Dean" (11)—the better of his two exhibits—appears thin and unsubstantial beside this masterpiece of Constable. Again, tiny as is Constable's gem-like sketch of "The Cornfield" (22), it shows us that the sheaves in Mr. Duncan Grant's "Sussex Weald" (17) simply will not do. They do not belong to the rest of the picture, in which the upper half is far more satisfactory. A very much better Duncan Grant is "Hampstead, the Vale of Health" (32), which holds together admirably, and is very beautiful and sparkling in colour. Indeed, it is one of the few modern pictures in the exhibition which can fairly stand up to the old masters.

SICKERT.

The contemporary picture which emerges from this ordeal with the most brilliant success is Mr. Sickert's "Lansdowne Crescent, Bath" (14), which has a soft radiance of luminous colour unequalled in the exhibition. There is genuine distinction, also, in the pale colour and sensitive design of "Souvenir de Cros-de-Cagnes" (44), by Mr. Paul Nash, who has evolved a very personal landscape style of his own. Harold Gilman's "Beechwood" (39) should also be noted for its fine substantiality and beautiful colour. Keith Baynes, Roger Fry, Spencer Gore, Augustus John, J. B. Manson, and Lucien Pissarro are other moderns represented, but not quite so well represented, in this interesting exhibition at Messrs. Cooling's galleries.

VAN GOGH AGAIN.

In several respects the Third Van Gogh Exhibition is the most interesting of the series held at the Leicester Galleries. It includes a wonderfully varied selection of the painter's earlier works, and enables the student to follow his casting about in various directions before he ultimately found his own peculiar style. A most unusual example of his very early Paris period is "La Terrasse des Tuileries" (6), a silvery-toned painting of exquisite quality akin to an early Corot or a marine by Boudin. Whether Van Gogh painted his "Pair of Boots" (4) just before or just after his arrival in Paris is difficult to decide, for it is only a matter of months. But this curious example of the fascination Van Gogh found in painting *anything* is certainly nearer to the "Potatoes" (2) of his Dutch period than to anything else he painted in Paris. Similarly, I should think it more probable that his "Red Cabbage and Onions" (16) belonged to the early Arles rather than the late Paris period.

Most beautiful among the later works are "Arles, with Irises in the Foreground" (19) and "Boats on the Beach at Saintes-Maries" (17), while in "The Cypresses" (26), with their flame-like foliage, we get in the little figures a dim echo of that love for Monticelli which Van Gogh had in his earlier years. In 1912 I wrote of Van Gogh:—

> The extraordinary intensity of his vivid impressions may be likened to our vision of things seen momentarily in the duration of a lightning-flash.

Nearly twenty years later I cannot find better words to express the colour sensation given us by such a painting as "The House of Vincent at Arles" (11).

QUESTION OF SANITY.

The merit or demerit of Van Gogh's paintings can never be settled by reference to his sanity or insanity. Many years ago the learned Lombroso wrote a book to show that all men of genius were more or less mad. But even if every genius is a madman, it does not follow that every madman is a genius. It depends on the kind of madman he is.

It should be obvious, without entering upon a medical discussion, that there is all the difference in the world between a mentally defective person who has never been capable of clear thinking and a nervous, highly-strung intelligence that has been driven mad by much thinking. All the evidence we have goes to show that Van Gogh belonged to the latter variety.

It may be argued that J. F. Millet was a saner artist than Van Gogh, but that fact—if accepted—does not necessarily make his "Reaper" *better* than Van Gogh's version of the same subject. The difference between the personalities of the two artists makes their work different. Some people consider Millet a strong draughtsman, but his "Reaper" has nothing like the strength, the intense action, the dynamic energy of "The Reaper" (20) by Van Gogh. Why? Because Millet was a placid person in comparison with Van Gogh, a man of "tempestuous energy and elemental force," as I described him in 1910

Owing to his temperament and the good luck of his environment in Paris, Van Gogh had certain qualities of colour, form, and design which are unique in art. That does not mean that we should accept anything he ever did as a flawless masterpiece. But it does mean that we can enjoy the sheer beauty of such paintings as "Boats on the Beach" and "Arles with Irises" and not concern ourselves with discussions as to his relative sanity or insanity.

Physical efficiency is not a question of years, but of heredity; it is a personal matter, influenced by the environment of home and occupation.—*Sir Thomas Oliver.*

The events of the last year have washed away for all time in this country the last foundations of the fortress of Free Trade.—*The Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P.*

It is now well-nigh impossible for a land-owner to retain possession of his property and manage it efficiently unless he has con siderable outside capital.—*Lord Middleton.*

It is time we emphasised the fact that it is Great Britain who in recent years has set the most striking example of opening to all and sundry the highest offices under the Crown.—*Dr. Nicholas Butler.*

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES

The British Legion memorial service will be relayed from the Cenotaph, Whitehall, to the National transmitters this afternoon. The service will be conducted by the Dean of Westminster. The order of the service will be: Hymn, "O God, our Help in Ages Past"; Prayers; Anthem, "The Souls of the Righteous" (Elvey); Collects; Hymn, "All People that on Earth do dwell"; Benediction; the placing of the Legion's wreath on the Cenotaph; the Last Post; Reveille and the National Anthem.

NATIONAL (261.3 metres and 1,554.4 metres).

10.30 a.m. (1,554.4 metres).—Time and Weather.
3.0.—Church Cantata (No. 68), Bach, "Also Hat Gott Die Weiet Geitbt" ("For God so Loved the World"); Mavis Bennett (soprano), Frank Phillips (baritone); Wireless Chorus; Wireless Orchestra; relayed from Guildhall School of Music.
3.55.—Children's Service conducted by Mr. Appleton: The Story of Joseph, 4—The Dream Fulfilled, from Cardiff.
4.15.—Wireless Military Band.
5.0.—British Legion Memorial Service, conducted by Dean of Westminster, relayed from The Cenotaph, Whitehall.
5.30—A Recital by Conchita Supervia (coloratura contralto).
6.0.-6.20.—Milton, 5—by George Rylands.
7.55.—Service: Address by Rev. P. McCormick, relayed from St. Martin-in-the-Fields.
8.45 (261.3 metres).—Canon C. S. Woodward appeals for the Hostel for Youthful Employees of Limited Means.
8.45 (1,554.4 metres).—Mr. M. W. Beaumont appeals for the Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, Aylesbury.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey; Thea Phillips (singer); Reginald Foort (pianoforte); Philip Dore (organ), relayed from Bournemouth.
10.30.—Epilogue.
10.40-11.0 (1,554.4 metres).—Silent Fellowship, from Cardiff.

LONDON REGIONAL (356.3 metres).

3.30.—Midland Regional.
5.0-5.30.—Society and Politics in the Old Testament, 5—There is One God, and Amos is His Prophet, by the Rev. Canon S. C. Carpenter.
8.45.—National (261.3 metres).
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—Catterall String Quartet; Emmi Heim (soprano).
10.30.—Epilogue.

MIDLAND REGIONAL (479.2 metres).

3.30.—Midland String Orchestra; Tom Pickering (tenor); Judith de Leeuw (pianoforte).
5.0-5.30.—London Regional.
8.45.—Mr. E. P. Ray appeals for the Crippled Children's Picnic.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—Norris Stanley Pianoforte Sextet; Mary Pollock (soprano); Norris Stanley (violin).
10.30.—Epilogue.

MANCHESTER (376.4 metres); **NEWCASTLE** (288.5 metres); **LIVERPOOL** (288.5 metres); **LEEDS-BRADFORD** (200 and 288.5 metres); **SHEFFIELD** (288.5 metres); **HULL** (288.5 metres); and **STOKE-ON-TRENT** (288.5 metres).—2.0.—National. 4.15.—Ethel Midgeley Trio: John Bridge (violin), Walter Hatton (violoncello), Ethel Midgeley (pianoforte). 5.0-6.20 and 7.55.—National. 8.45.—Miss Eva Maguire appeals for the Sandes Soldiers' Home, Catterick Camp, from Leeds. 8.50-10.30.—National.

CARDIFF (309.9 metres), and **SWANSEA** (288.5 metres).—3.0.—National. 3.55.—Children's Service conducted by Mr. E. R. Appleton, The Story of Joseph—Part 4. The Dream Fulfilled. 4.15-6.20 and 7.55.—National. 8.45.—Mr. W. H. Martin appeals for the Porth and District Hospital. 8.50-10.30.—National. 10.40-11.0.—Silent Fellowship.

BELFAST (242.3 metres).—3.0-6.20 and 7.55.—National. 8.45.—Sir Frederick Moneypenny appeals for the Alexandra Day Fund. 8.50.—National. 9.5.—Symphony Orchestra; Muriel Childe (contralto); Claud Biggs (pianoforte). 10.30.—Epilogue.

BOURNEMOUTH (288.5 metres), and **PLYMOUTH** (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.20.—National. 7.55-10.30.—National.

GLASGOW (398.9 metres); **ABERDEEN** (301.5 metres); **DUNDEE** (288.5 metres), and **EDINBURGH** (288.5 metres).—3.0.—National. 4.15.—The Octet; Alexandra D. Carmichael (baritone). 5.0-6.20 and 7.55.—National. 8.45.—Lord Murray appeals for the Scottish Association for Mental Welfare. 8.50-10.30.—National.

DUBLIN (413 metres).—Relay of Cork Programme). 8.30.—Station Orchestra. 8.50.—Cait Ni Chonchubhair (Amhrain Gaedhilge). 9.0.—Liam Walsh (Pib Uilleann). 9.15.—W. F. Watt (tenor). 9.30.—Mervyn Williams (piano). 9.45.—W. F. Watt. 10.0.—Liam Walsh (Pib Uilleann). 10.15.—Cait Ni Chonchubhair (Amhrain Gaedhilge). 10.25.—Station Orchestra.

FOREIGN FEATURES.

BERLIN (418 metres, 1.5 kw.).—5.15.—Band Concert. 6.—"Il campanello di notte"—Burlesque Opera (Donizetti).
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FRANKFURT (390 metres, 1.5 kw.).—4.—Orchestral Concert. 7.30.—"Carmen"—Opera (Bizet).
HILVERSUM (1,071 metres, 6.5 kw.).—7.55.—Orchestral Concert. 8.40.—Chamber Music by Dutch String Orchestra.
HUIZEN (1,875 metres, 6.5 kw.).—7.30.—"Il Trovatore"—Opera (Verdi).
LANGENBERG (473 metres, 13 kw) and COLOGNE (227 metres).—1.—Orchestral Concert. 4.30.—Military Band Concert. 8.—"The Creation"—Oratorio (Haydn).
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PARIS (1,725 metres, 12 kw.).—8.—Concert. Symphony in D (Franck); Piano Concerto in C minor No. 4 (Saint-Saëns); Songs, Nuages, and Fêtes from the Nocturnes (Debussy).
ROME (441 metres, 50 kw.).—1.30-2.20.—Quintet Concert. 9.—"The Puritans"—Opera (Bellini).
STOCKHOLM (436 metres, 1.5 kw). and MOTALA (1,348 metres, 30 kw.).—9.30.—"Il faut qu'une porte soit ouverte ou fermée"—Play (Alfred de Musset). 10.—Light Music.
TOULOUSE (381 metres, 8 kw.).—9.—Selections from "Manon" (Massenet), "Lohengrin" (Wagner), "Die Walküre" (Wagner), "Hérodiade" (Massenet) and "La Dame blanche" (Goieldieu), followed by Military Music. 10.40-12 midnight.—Concert for British Listeners.
TURIN (291 metres, 7 kw).—7.15.—Light Music. 8.32.—"Eva"—Operetta (Lehár).
VIENNA (516.3 metres, 15 kw.).—4.—Orchestral Concert. 7.35.—Aria and Song Recital. Ombra di Carmen (Tirindelli), Aria from "Gianni Schicchi" (Puccini). Liebesbriefchen (Korngold). Ricordi di Sorrento (Curtis).

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On Tuesday, at Hanover Square, Knight, Frank, and Rutley will offer by auction Rockstead and 28, Robert Louis Stevenson Avenue, Bournemouth; Sunnymead, Chislehurst (in conjunction with Hampton and Sons); and The Grange, Hersham Green (in conjunction with Cox and Cole). A freehold residence, 23a, Elvaston Place, Kensington, will be submitted at Hanover Square on Wednesday, and on the following day at Ulverston, Knight, Frank, and Rutley (in conjunction with F. J. Harrison and Son) will offer Summerhill, Ulverston, a residential and sporting property of 135 acres; and at Hanover Square, Kearsney Abbey, near Dover, and the fully licensed Bath Hotel, Leamington Spa.

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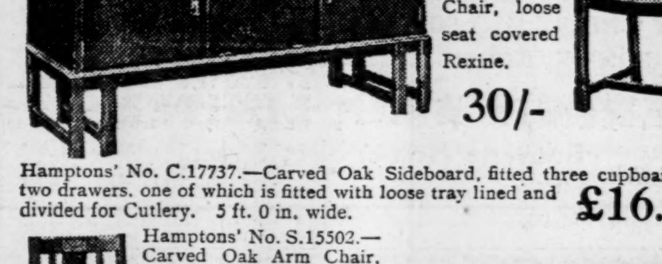

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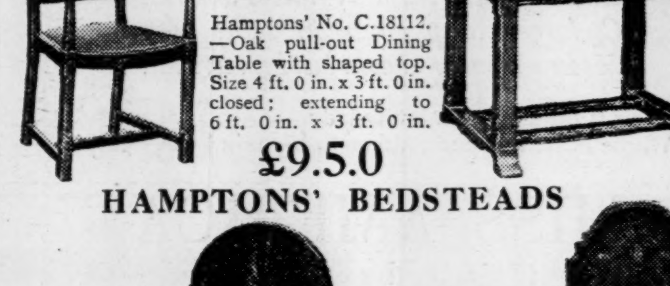

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Leigh Hunt's failings as a poet and an essayist are the kind of failings which it is not only easy but actually gratifying to point out. It gives a critic a feeling of superiority to do so.

Hunt, whose writings prove that he possessed the most exquisite literary palate, was frequently in his creative work and in his address to his readers as an essayist, vulgar; more than that, vulgar without that vigour which disarms or intimidates criticism. He was, indeed, as Mr. Blunden's story of his editorship of *The Examiner*, which ended in imprisonment for seditious libel, shows, far from being a coward; and he bore other misfortunes, too, with an invincible chirpiness and an amiable buoyancy which is courage without its *panache;* while in defence of his ideals he was as bold as a mosquito, returning again and again to sting and draw the enemy. But like many intensely receptive and passive natures he was uncertain of himself. He had socially—and I mean not only in personal relations, but in relation to his public—a propitiatory cringe. Having no social confidence, he fell back in self-defence on an arch jocularity and a winning smile too like that which so often fronts the photographer's lens.

Not a "Gentleman."

He was neither manly nor a gentleman. It is pleasant to point out the consequent defects, for the implications of doing so are gratifying to the critic. It has often been done. Manly Hunt could not well have been and retain those faculties which made him of such service to literature. To be a "gentleman" is an excellent substitute for particular virtues, just as shyness will often serve the purpose of a reasonable modesty, but unfortunately Hunt was born in that stratum of society in which, certainly in those days, the gentleman was too humbly or bitterly envied and too little understood. I can best illustrate this defect by quoting an archly familiar letter written by him to Byron, who had the unfortunate effect upon impressionable people of bringing out their worst side.

Casa Negroto,
October 25, 1822.

My dear Byron,

Thank you. I will speak to you further on that subject when I have the pleasure of seeing you.

Excuse all this talk, or rather excuse the excuse; but as something or other seems averse to my seeing you often, I love to chat with you as long as possible. Must we not have our ride? I thought to talk with you of "Liberals" and illiberals, of copy, of subjects, and absolute Johns, and Boswells and Spensers, and all sorts of possible chattabilities. "Sir," as Johnson would say (or Scrope would say, before he became a fallen Arch-Davies), "the world has few things better than literary inter-chattation; but Byron, Sir, is milky; Sir, he is lacteolous, and has gone off to a young lady." I think I will be indecent, and try to hold you to your promise, especially as you need not go in about the house, nor need we look at one that day. Our motto shall be, "Observation with extensive view."

Leigh Hunt and Byron.

Admitted—the taste is deplorable, and the lack of worldly knowledge or how to treat a patron of Byron's temper still more so. "You make me affectionate," another of these letters concludes, "when you call me Leigh, and so I feel ladylike, and insist upon your coming to my house." Hunt's letters to Byron are those of a sensitive ill-bred man who is conscious of being under an obligation to one who despises him socially, and whom, incidentally, he had misled on an important point. Byron, when he invited Leigh Hunt out to Italy, was under the impression that Leigh Hunt owned *The Examiner*, and that he could count on the support of that paper in their joint campaign. But the Hunts had already disposed of it, and L. H. arrived at Pisa with a pen, a large family of bumptious children with unwiped noses, and an ailing wife who was determined to show *her* independence by being as rude to Byron as opportunity allowed. Mr. Blunden does not go thoroughly enough into Leigh Hunt's relation to Byron, though he devotes a chapter to that unfortunate book (unfortunate for the author, not posterity), "Lord Byron and Some of His Contemporaries," in which, tempted by money and hustled by his publisher, Leigh Hunt relieved his wounded feelings with a truthful but, alas, all too chirpy rancour. The book did Byron no harm, for by 1828 he was a hero; but it was a feast for Hunt's many enemies.

His Genteel Naughtiness.

Character and literature cannot be separated, and Hunt's genteelness invaded even his poetry. He was born with an exquisitely tender voluptuousness which was always seeking expression and finding often only an unpleasantly arch outlet. As a contemporary of Boccaccio, or of La Fontaine, or even of ourselves, those passages and phrases of shyly smirking sentimental sensuousness, which critics have pilloried, would not have stained his verse. What I deplore, and with some astonishment, in Mr. Blunden's book is that he discusses Leigh Hunt's poetry so little. There are only one or two quotations in the whole of it, and it contains no adequate exposition of Leigh Hunt's originality, his delicate fancy, or his contribution to the development of English verse. Yet there are many quotable passages—perhaps Mr. Blunden thought them too hackneyed, but this should not have deterred him—which justify the praise of Shelley, and explain his influence upon Keats, not as many critics have averred by any means entirely detrimental. A good case can be made out for Leigh Hunt not only as the creator of occasional beauties, such as the fine sonnet on the Nile which holds the famous line about Cleopatra,

The laughing Queen that caught the world's great hands,

or that passage in which the poet quaintly compares the life of man and fish, suggesting the latter with such exquisite felicity:

Man's life is warm, glad, sad, 'twixt loves and graves,
Boundless in hope, honoured with pangs austere,
Heaven gazing; and his angel wings he craves:
The fish is swift, small-needing, vague yet clear,
A cold, sweet, silver life, wrapped in round waves,
Quickened with touches of transporting fear.

If these were too familiar there were many others, that describing a winter's evening, for example, and the peaceful retreat of the fireside:—

Nought heard through all our little lulled abode,
Save the crisp fire, or leaf of book turned o'er
Or watch dog, or the ring of frosty road.

Or these happy lines which Tennyson remembered:—

And when the casement, at the dawn of light
Began to show a square of ghastly white;

or that line he might have envied, describing a thunder cloud:—

Sloping its dusky ladders of thick rain;

To these lines Thomas Kent directs attention in his admirable essay on Leigh Hunt ("Otia." Bodley Head. 1905.) And a good case can also be made out for Hunt as a poet who told a tale in verse with a spirited abundance of vivid detail and continuity "and an unembarrassed vivacity of transition," so necessary in that perilous undertaking. What Mr. Blunden does bring out, however, is the extraordinary catholicity of his appreciation as a critic. One thing which obviously marked Hunt as a critic was his perfect understanding of what was new in the work of his great contemporaries coupled with an equal insight into the merits of the poetry they were reacting against. But Mr. Blunden does not, I think, point out, at any rate emphatically enough, the effect of this catholicity on Hunt's own poetry.

The Skimpole Question.

The Skimpole question he treats much more fully. Dickens denied publicly that he intended to depict Leigh Hunt in the form of that immortal character, and wrote a letter of ardent and embarrassed distress to the old poet whom in other ways he had equally ardently befriended. The truth is that Dickens (luckily for us) could not resist such a model, though he was pained that the public should guess who it was, and above all attribute the rascality of the character in the novel to the original. Mr. Blunden quotes in a footnote a revealing letter written by Dickens while "Bleak House" was coming out which shows clearly his "indebtedness" to Hunt:—

Skimpole—I must not forget Skimpole—of whom I will proceed to speak as if I had only read him and not written him. I suppose he is the most exact portrait that was ever painted in words! I have very seldom, if ever, done such a thing. But the likeness is astonishing. I don't think it could possibly be more like himself. It is so awfully true that I make a bargain with myself "never to do so any more." There is not an atom of exaggeration or suppression. It is an absolute reproduction of a real man. Of course, I have been careful to keep the outward figure away from the fact; but in all else it is the life itself.

He knew then perfectly well what he was about, but he did not foresee that the likeness would lead to others attributing the baseness of Skimpole to his friend, or that his brilliant portrait of that friend's most obvious characteristics would prevent even posterity to a large extent respecting him. Dickens' public disclaimers remind me of a case which occurred not long ago in which an author who had put a friend into a novel with an exact description of his mannerisms, habits and personal surroundings, then wrote to the victim to say that he could not be accused of drawing his portrait because he had also made the character in the story take drugs and seduce little girls. Perhaps, from the point of view of rehabilitation, the most important element of all in Mr. Blunden's book is his revelations regarding Mrs. Hunt. Hunt was feckless, but his continual complacent asseverations that he wanted touchingly little here below were true. He had the misfortune to be married to a woman who was equally feckless and wanted much more. Loans and friendly doles flowed through her hands like water through a sieve, and in many directions Leigh Hunt's reputation for Skimpolism, ingratitude and incorrigible sponginess was due to her repeated requests for money behind his back, money which vanished without relieving the sordid huggermugger of his home.

His Genuineness.

"Poor Hunt himself," Carlyle wrote in a letter to his mother, "I think one of the most innocent men I ever saw in man's size; a very boy for clear innocence, though his hair is gray, and his face ploughed with many sorrows." Again writing to his brother, Dr. Carlyle, he said: "I never in my whole life met with a more innocent child-like man; transparent, many-glancing, really beautiful, were this Lubberland or Elysium, and not Earth and England."

Now, although this "innocency," this "childlike" simplicity of Hunt's was not without an admixture of guile (Harold Skimpolism) in practical matters, and although his haziness about the distinction between *meum* and *tuum* often worked out with a balance in his own favour, still where things of the mind were concerned it was of rare and genuine quality. It goes a long way towards accounting for the most striking fact about Leigh Hunt namely, that of all famous critics he was most nearly right about his contemporaries. It enabled him to enjoy without envy or ambition. Coleridge, Hazlitt, Lamb, wrote more beautiful criticism, but their estimates of their contemporaries have not been so invariably corroborated as Leigh Hunt's. Lamb's contempt for Shelley amazes us, and Coleridge's indifference to Keats is noticeable. Leigh Hunt was always right about his contemporaries, which is a great deal rarer in a critic than being right about the famous dead. It is far harder to judge contemporaries than to expound "case-made law." He was wonderfully appreciative, too, not only of the new poetry, but of the merits of the poetry which the new poets hoped to supersede. He loved Pope and Dryden. Of course, there were dumb notes on his piano. Dante was not to his taste. He appreciated lovely phrases like "*Dolce color d'oriental zaffiro,*" but grimness was abhorrent to him, and sublimity often escaped him, or, rather, with a certain ingenuous triviality he refused to be awed by it.

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To strangle at its birth
A form that, functioning behind,
Had vast "survival worth"?

When chased about, where motors meet,
And Death stands gaping by,
I mourn, while terror wings my feet,
That lost aborted eye.

Had not blind folly cancelled it,
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Reviewed by J. O. P. BLAND.

Most of the works on problems of world politics produced with increasing profusion of late by American professors are of a nature to inspire regret that the pious benefactors who have so liberally endowed that country's universities and colleges with chairs, foundations and research bureaus should not have taken the precaution to stipulate that no professor should write a textbook or essay on international problems without first having acquired sufficient direct knowledge of the countries concerned, by residence and travel therein. For, with one or two notable exceptions, all these academic exercises display in a very remarkable degree the somewhat parochial type of international idealism which President Wilson exhibited at Versailles, tempered by an instinctively American outlook.

Pressure of Population.

The present thesis by Professor Thompson, "Director of the Scripps Foundation at Miami University for Research in Population Problems," is a very typical example of the class of work to which I refer. It reflects, on the one hand, the influence of that purely subjective philosophy from which President Wilson evolved his ideal of "The League of Free Peoples," with its self-determination based on the principle of racial equality, and its abolition of economic rivalries; on the other hand, it manifests the uncompromising 100 per cent. American nationalism, which repudiated the President and rejected his League. Professor Thompson's main theme deals with the pressure of over-population in certain parts of the globe—notably in Italy, India, China, and Japan—and the unequal division of the world's natural resources, as probable causes of future wars. He perceives that—

the growing differential pressure of population on resources is practically certain to lead to war in the not distant future under the present system of world-organisation.

He also perceives that the only effective remedy for this pressure lies in educating the "swarming" nations to adjust their numbers to their means of subsistence by means of birth control. So far, so good. But inasmuch as the application of this remedy must take some time (he estimates it in decades) he proposes that the present world-organisation should forthwith be modified by the voluntary self-denying action of the nations which hold lands in excess of their immediate needs, that is to say, by Great Britain, France, Holland, and Australia.

Large concessions must be made by these four Powers, if war for the settlement and possession of new lands is to be avoided.

Re-shuffling the Nations.

Professor Thompson is particularly concerned to provide convenient outlets for the swarming masses of Asia, and since "Great Britain controls the greater part of the lands needed by the crowded peoples," he proposes that a beginning should be made by handing over to the Japanese New Guinea, Northern Australia, and other new lands "where they would not have to meet the competition of the Chinese," as they now have to do in Manchuria and Formosa. The Indians' need for expansion he would supply by allowing them to migrate to the thinly-settled regions of East Africa, including Kenya, the Portuguese Colonies and French Madagascar. China's case, he considers, may be safely ignored for the present (curiously enough), there being "no immediate danger of aggressive action on her part to secure larger resources." As to the Malays—

it is a question for the future to decide whether such a people (lazy, inefficient, careless of sanitation, etc.) can survive at all in a world where more efficient peoples are demanding room for expansion.

Fly in the Ointment.

Thus, from the serene heights of Miami, are the destinies of nations pontifically decided and the causes of war averted. True, there is a small fly in the Professor's earth-healing ointment. He realises that the relief thus provided for the "swarming" nations can only be temporary at best, if they still persist in breeding up to and beyond their national resources; he would therefore have it made quite

clear to these peoples that this relief can be granted voluntarily only if they will undertake to see that methods of birth control become generally known and that no official obstacles to its practice are raised.

By this splendidly simple device, the last difficulties should be disposed of, and civilisation enabled to sleep comfortably in its remade bed.

The reflection which this sort of thing naturally suggests is, to what extent does Professor Thompson represent the collective intelligence of Miami University? Does this (or any other) seat of learning consider that *obiter dicta* of this kind, presumably intended for the use of students, are calculated to promote any practical solution of the world problems with which they deal? These questions are of wider importance than may at first sight appear.

THE MIDDLESEX YEOMANRY

"Historical Records of the Middlesex Yeomanry, 1797-1927." By Charles Stonham, C.M.G., and Benson Freeman, O.B.E. Edited by J. S. Judd. (Regimental Committee, Chelsea. 10s. 6d.)

But for the Great War, it is possible that the history of the Middlesex Yeomanry might never have been published, although the late Colonel Stonham, its medical officer, and the late Commander Benson Freeman collaborated on a record of its career over twenty years ago. The history of the Middlesex Yeomanry goes back to 1797, when it was raised at Uxbridge to meet the growing commitments of our struggle against France. At that time the Earl of Berkeley still hunted his enormous country, which stretched from London to Bristol, and Uxbridge was situated in the Harrow Vale, a region of large pastures, few coverts, stout foxes and posts and rails, so that there was splendid material for the supply of recruits. A temporary lull in the fighting, marked by the Peace of Amiens, saw the Uxbridge Yeomanry-Cavalry, as it was called, reduced four years later, and, though we were at it hammer and tongs again in 1803, the Uxbridge group was not revived.

Not, indeed, till 1830 was anything done to raise even a single yeoman troop in rural Middlesex. At the end of that year Uxbridge formed two troops, and from that time onwards its history has been continuous. It was the first of the yeomanry regiments to hold its annual meetings under canvas, and by dint of hard work it forced itself to first place among yeomanry services. But it saw no active service till the South African War, where it got some hard fighting as part of the Imperial Yeomanry, and lost fifty-five of its members, including Major H. L. Dalbiac and eight other officers.

In the Great War it formed, with two other London yeomanry corps, part of the 4th Mounted Brigade, and was sent to Gallipoli, afterwards going on to Sinai and Salonika, and it also took part in the capture of Jerusalem. During the years of war the Middlesex, whose story is very well told, lost 116 officers and men, but it achieved distinction, the Victoria Cross being won by Major A. M. Lefone, who fell, while three officers got the Distinguished Service Order and seven the Military Cross.

The illustrations, of which four are reproductions in colour of old prints, are excellent, and the format of the book is good.

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STORY OF LAMBETH PALACE.

"The Story of Lambeth Palace." By Dorothy Gardiner. With a Preface by Archbishop Lord Davidson of Lambeth. (Constable. 15s.)

Reviewed by H. C. MINCHIN.

This book makes a timely appearance, for the lasting historic significance of Lambeth Palace is enhanced at the moment by the approach of the seventh Lambeth Conference. The first of these assemblies was held in 1867 under the presidency of Archbishop Longley. Mrs. Gardiner's survey of events and persons abounds in interest, but it is a pity that she has gone unaccountably astray over the dates of nineteenth-century archbishops. She tells us that at Queen Victoria's first jubilee "Archbishop Tait sat in St. Augustine's chair," yet on successive pages that he died in 1868 and 1882; and she is equally incorrect and variable with the dates of Benson and Temple. It is astonishing that one so steeped in her subject as Mrs. Gardiner should perpetrate such blunders. The late Archbishop Davidson, whose preface is dated from Chelsea, at Whitsuntide, 1929, could not have read the concluding chapter. His preface emphasises his own affection for Lambeth and his assurance that the attraction of the Palace is felt by an increasingly large number of men and women.

Many Vicissitudes.

There is mention of the Manor of Lambeth before the Conquest, and it is probable that the first place of worship there was built by Hubert Walter and used by his great successor, Stephen Langton. Round the chapel there gradually grew up a mass of buildings, which received additions and alterations at the hands of successive tenants. "In the point of architecture," wrote an observer in 1806, "the present palace of Lambeth exhibits a motley appearance, convenience having been studied in its various improvements rather than uniformity of style. Taken as a whole, however, its effect is highly venerable and imposing." We cannot assure ourselves of the fact with our own eyes, for twenty-three years later Archbishop Howley effected root and branch changes which wholly transmogrified the ancient structure. "The fiat went forth," writes Mrs. Gardiner, "and old Lambeth House, the Gallery, the Cloister, the Presence Chamber, 'Crooked Lane,' and many other time-honoured features, disappeared for ever." We may be thankful that the chapel (*temp.* Henry III.) was spared, together with the Lollards' Tower, Cardinal Morton's Gateway, Archbishop Juxon's Hall, and other features associated with famous and (in some cases) infamous persons of antiquity.

Much good went out into the world from those old buildings, but they witnessed, too, many scenes of bigotry, turbulence, and ferocity. Here Wyclif was arraigned for heresy, when the mob broke in and drove out the Commissioners appointed to try him. Here Bishop Pecock, a less stout-hearted reformer, abjured his errors on the threat of burning, yet did not escape dying in prison. Here Simon Forman, the astrologer, sought sanctuary, but was denied it. Here Marc Antony de Dominis, a Venetian and supposed convert to Protestantism, befooled his English hosts. Here Archbishop Sheldon, as Pepys tells us, countenanced the preaching of a mock sermon in ridicule of the Scottish Presbyterians.

Haunted.

Lambeth, if any, should be a haunted place, since it must have heard the sorrowful sighings of many a prisoner appointed to die. Cranmer, on Mary's accession, was virtually a captive in his own palace; so, in later days, was Laud. Whitgift, that stickler for conformity, here incarcerated a host of recusants. Under the Commonwealth Lambeth was turned into a prison, where hundreds of "malignants" died of fever. The Palace possesses a Library which has managed to hold its own through periods of trial and violence, and which has been enriched by the taste and generosity of successive Archbishops.

"MASTER BUILDERS" IN FICTION.

"Three Masters: Balzac, Dickens, Dostoieffsky." By Stefan Zweig. Translated from the German by E. and C. Paul. (Allen and Unwin. 12s. 6d.)

Reviewed by R. A. SCOTT-JAMES.

We have here the first volume of Herr Zweig's critical trilogy, "Master Builders," the third having been published in this country more than a year ago. It was perhaps unfortunate that the English reader's first impression of this distinguished critic's work should have been derived from the later rather than the earlier volume. It was brilliant. It was ingenious. But to interpret the genius of Tolstoy and the erotic egotism of Casanova almost in the same breath and by the same pathological methods suggested that German literary criticism, as exemplified by Herr Zweig, was suffering from an acute attack of Freudianism.

It is satisfactory to know that in this first volume he does not pursue that irritating method. It affords an admirable example of his talent for summarising in bold, broad strokes some salient characteristics of an author, setting forth his work in popular philosophical terms against a cosmic background of world life and world literature.

Creating a Universe.

The three writers with whom he deals in this book he considers to be "the supremely great novelists of the nineteenth century," in the sense that each is "an epic master, the creator of an almost unending series of pre-eminent romances" who "constructs a cosmos, peopling it with types of his own making." In choosing for his purpose Balzac and Dickens he will probably secure general assent. The "Balzac world" and the "Dickens world" are not to be gainsaid. But Dostoieffsky? Is he, from this point of view, to be preferred to Tolstoy? Whatever the answer, Herr Zweig has not made good his case.

But there is this advantage in treating these three together. None of them is an artist in the sense in which Flaubert or Turgeniev is an artist. None of them is a master of form. None aimed at that unification of theme which gratifies the æsthetic sense. But Herr Zweig is not much interested in such matters. He prefers to explain to us, for example, how Balzac, setting out to conquer every phase of life by bringing it into fiction through types of character which exemplify all the more forceful passions, invented "the concept of the novel as an encyclopædia of the inner universe." On Dickens he is interesting. Having regretted his ill-luck in being born to express the England of the Victorian age—a "citizen of a prudish State," master of "a fireside art" with "a vapid emotional content," he proceeds to praise his "mighty and unforgettable achievement." And this is good:—

> When we call to mind a character from Balzac or Dostoieffsky, Père Goriot or Raskolnikoff let us say, their very names give rise to an emotional response; we remember the self-sacrifice of the former, and the despairing chaos of passion in the latter. But mention the word Pickwick, and the mental eye is immediately presented with a jovial old gentleman, his embonpoint well accentuated, gilt buttons on his coat. We fancy we are contemplating a painting in oils when we call to mind a Dickens character, whereas with Balzac and Dostoieffsky the effect is more like that of listening to music. For the Frenchman and the Russian create, whereas the Englishman reproduces. . . His imagination is physical, visual.

Dostoieffsky and Suffering.

The author's treatment of Dostoieffsky is vitiated by his ardent sympathy with his personal character, his admiration for all passionate living, and his liking for vicarious suffering. He positively revels in the fact that life stretched his hero's spirit to breaking-point. "Suffering," he says glibly, "is the finest school for the emotions." He fails to point out that the defect in the tremendous work of Dostoieffsky lay precisely in this—that his personal sense of suffering haunted him in all he wrote.

KEYS TO KINGSHIP.

"The King's Majesty: a Study in the Historical Philosophy of Modern Kingship." By R. H. Gretton. (Faber and Faber. 6s.)

"A Hundred Years of Publishing. Being the Story of Chapman and Hall, Ltd." By Arthur Waugh. (Chapman and Hall. 15s.)

"George Eastman." By Carl W. Ackerman. (Constable. 24s.)

"Woodfill of the Regulars: a True Story of Adventure from the Arctic to the Argonne." By Lowell Thomas. (Heinemann. 10s. 6d.)

Reviewed by J. M. BULLOCH.

In his subtle and distinguished diagnosis of modern kingship Mr. R. H. Gretton, who is always worth reading, decides that kingship in national life "corresponds to the assurance of personality in the individual, which is so deep-seated and so real, but which philosophers have in the end to leave something of a mystery." This theory has many implications, and extends far beyond right down, regular, royal kings. For example, Mr. Gretton points out that, though Republics may not know the name of king, "they all present an institution which only a study of kingship can satisfactorily explain." The same kind of influence in leadership in various activities informs several biographical studies of the moment.

British Kingship.

Stirred by the remarkable display of feeling during King George's recent illness, Mr. Gretton is concerned mainly with the development of modern kingship among ourselves, because in no other country of Europe has the change from the mediæval conception, with its theocratic basis, been so clearly defined. It is summed up in the sharp contrast between Richard III. and Henry VII. The Tudors succeeded because the meaning they gathered up into themselves was "a peculiarly intense form of the inexplicable unity which a nation seeks in kingship." Passing to Stuart England, he shows how James I., from the first moment of his entry into England, "managed to irritate and offend his new subjects because he never understood that he had to *become* the king of his people: he thought that the power to which he was succeeding made him that at once." An excellent chapter shows how George III. asserted that Ministers were his Ministers not his masters, and recovered the meaning of kingship. This was immensely strengthened by Victoria and her consolidating successors.

Mr. Gretton's final finding, in which he seems to challenge the conclusion of Professor Dicey, is that "in kingship alone resides the exercise of national sovereignty," and that the personality of a modern king is "far more vivid throughout his kingdom, far more of an actuality to his people, than was the case a hundred years ago." His essay is well worth close study.

A Century of Publishing.

Mr. Gretton's carefulness in distinguishing kings from kingship bears distinctly on leadership in business, where we are apt to regard men who make their mark as "king" of this industry or the next. In a great many cases they are really interpreters of a need and a mood. Something like that accounts for the rise of Chapman and Hall, who started their career first as booksellers in a shop on the site of the SUNDAY TIMES office exactly a hundred years ago. There was indeed nothing majestic in the little "bird-like" figure of William Hall, who was always the partner to "pass forward" when it was a question of a business bargain, but by calling on Dickens (whom, of course, he did not "discover"), in Furnivall's Inn in 1836, and enlisting his co-operation with Seymour, which resulted in the birth of Mr. Pickwick—Mr. Waugh calls it "the triumphant anagnorisis"—he showed that he knew instinctively that a great interpreter of a public mood had arrived on the scene. Dickens laid the foundations of the firm, Forster lending powerful aid. Others followed, some of them as difficult to handle as the "kaleidoscopic variations" of Boz. It was just in that handling that Chapman and Hall showed the right to reign, for those were the days when publishers had to take authors in hand themselves instead of through the literary agent, who now bears the brunt of any temperamentalism. For example, there was Trollope, of whom we get this striking vignette:—

> Trollope used to tramp into the office as soon as the doors were open, clad in his pink coat, with a sheaf of proofs in his great side pocket, and would bang on the table with his hunting crop, and swear like a sergeant-major because there was no one in authority yet arrived to receive his hectic instructions.

Ouida was also quarrelsome, and grew very suspicious of people she had to do business with:—

> There is an authentic story of her sending an MS. to a typewriter with every page misnumbered. The typescript was to correspond, page for page, and when she had it all, she would fit it together into a consecutive whole. In the meanwhile, she believed that she had defeated the probable plot of the typewriter to steal her story before it could get to the public!

While the Dickens era is excellent, the account of Meredith is even better. It is interesting to see what he missed. He was "afraid" of "Erewhon," he turned down "East Lynne," which he said was "in the worst style of the present taste," and he advised the author of "The Heavenly Twins" to try again. Yet, as against mere best sellers, Meredith's judgments are now seen to have been absolutely sound. Mr. Waugh, who is essentially a literary-minded publisher, tells the story of the house over which he so graciously presided as managing director from 1902 to 1930 with humour and sympathy.

King Kodak.

As father of the Kodak and one of the parents of the cinema Mr. George Eastman has established an enormous kingdom, but he, too, is as largely an interpreter as an innovator. Born in Waterville, New York, in 1854, he started life at 14 as a clerk, and was put on the trail which has made him a Crœsus about 1871 by reading an article in the "Almanac" of the *British Journal of Photography*, which gave the formula for making a sensitive gelatine emulsion with which the glass plates used by photographers could be coated and used when dry. The story of his inventions and of the business acumen which enabled him to dominate the photographic industry in the States and to invade the rest of the world is told by Mr. Ackerman with typical American gusto over the art of success. Mr. Eastman has been much more than a photographic expert. Professor Seligman, of Columbia University, who introduces the book, tells us:—

> So far as we know, Mr. Eastman was the first manufacturer in the United States to formulate and to put into practice the modern policy of large-scale production at low costs for a world market, backed by scientific research and extensive advertising.

He also illustrates the three stages in the life of the American rich man—the acquisitive, the possessive, and the distributive. All these aspects are set forth in Mr. Ackerman's elaborate study of Mr. Eastman, in whose work Lord Kelvin once said science was applied "with marvellous results." As a remarkable example of personality, the Kodak king's career makes inspiring reading.

A Kentucky Soldier.

Mr. Lowell Thomas, as a great hero-worshipper—how he made Colonel Lawrence blush!—has got a subject after his own heart in his account of Samuel Woodfill, who spent thirty-three years in the American Army. Born of Welsh-Kentucky stock, he seemed destined to fight, and he had his fill of it in China, the Philippines, Mexico, and in France during the Great War. Yet he remained little known even in army circles until 1921, when General Pershing chose him as one of the pallbearers of the Unknown Soldier at Washington. His story, told in the first person in Mr. Lowell Thomas's own rather slapdash style, reveals personality and the instinct for leadership.

Mr. J. B. Morton's amusing book, "Drink Up, Gentlemen," which Mr. Ralph Straus has described in these columns as "joyously entertaining," is to be followed by a Criterion Miscellany by Mr. Warner Allen with a similar title, "Gentlemen, I Give You—Wine!"

NEW FICTION.

MR. MACKENZIE ENJOYING HIMSELF.

"April Fools." By Compton Mackenzie. (Cassell. 7s. 6d.)

"Other Man's Saucer." By J. Keith Winter. (Heinemann. 7s. 6d.)

"The Seventh Bowl." By "Miles." (Eric Partridge. 7s. 6d.)

"The Little Dog Laughed." By Leonard Merrick. (Hodder and Stoughton. 7s. 6d.)

"Burglars in Bucks." By G. D. H. and M. Cole. (Collins. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by RALPH STRAUS.

In spite of its early spring title, it is meet that I should begin this week with "April Fools." Summer shows signs of putting in an appearance, and to-morrow is a holiday, and Mr. Mackenzie has written just the kind of summery frolic which fits in with a holiday mood. A considerable artist—Mr. Mackenzie. There is no knowing what he cannot do. In the midst of recording his Gallipolean adventures—many have still to be told—he can turn aside and amuse himself with about as joyously adventurous a farce as was ever seen off the stage.

You may remember the large family of Touchwoods, whose vagaries gave to "Poor Relations" its peculiar charm. Here they are once again, this time the victims of an April joke engineered by their rich brother John. He has now married his secretary and is off to America, but they are to have his country house on condition that they all live beneath its roof. And so some half-dozen grown-ups and four children arrive at Ambles, and lose no time in playing the opening gambit in the great game of getting the better of somebody else.

On this occasion it is the children who make the book. A more scandalously outrageous but entirely lovable couple than Bertram and Viola were never born to worry their elders. A more hopelessly respectable prig than Harold was never born to be bullied as a child and to achieve scholastic greatness in the future. And the three of them, with a little help from a quite disgraceful uncle, who is working hard to get Ambles for himself, and a quite perfect, if slightly Mrs. Gampish, publicaness, manage to have an uproarious time.

Once again Mr. Mackenzie's amazing memory stands him in very good stead, and once again his powers of invention do not fail him. There are gastronomical dissertations which will make every decent boy's mouth water. There are interludes which are theatrical, spookish, bibulous, and even tinged with something near to crime. And in the end, of course, the rich brother's joke is rounded off in the most appropriate way. Parents who are not good disciplinarians may be well advised not to leave this book about, but they, in common with most other people, will thank Mr. Mackenzie for some light-hearted entertainment of the very best kind.

AN OXFORD NOVEL.

Mr. Keith Winter must be a very young man: he has written a very remarkable book. I must say at once, however, that "Other Man's Saucer" will not be to everybody's taste. I can imagine, indeed, many people calling it distinctly unpleasant, and wondering why Mr. Winter should waste his unusual talents upon so singularly unattractive and abnormal a youngster as Shaw Latimer. As a schoolboy Shaw is sadly disillusioned in a friend and made to suffer, and at Oxford he determines not to suffer again. So you have the young egoist bent on taking all and giving nothing in return. Shaw, however, like most other undergraduates, is not quite the master of his own soul, and not nearly as "free" as he likes to think.

Now, Mr. Winter can write very well. He has a keen eye, and his dialogue is good. He tells his story, moreover, in a vivid way which makes it impossible not to believe in Shaw and his curious doings. But the book has a sinister side, which is best avoided by novelists who, like Mr. Winter, will shortly be writing, if I am not mistaken, for a very big public.

LOOKING AHEAD.

The future seems very popular just now, and the prophets are unusually busy. Amongst them, "Miles"—a well-known writer, the publisher tells us—must be given a distinguished place. "The Seventh Bowl" may be a very nightmare of a book, but it is good to read. We go forward beyond the Great Gas War to a day when frontiers have disappeared and Plasm Alpha has been invented to give something like immortality to those lucky (or, as it turns out, unlucky) enough to receive it. Manual work is done by perfected Robots; the moon has been explored and given up its marvellous "balgon," but—all children are forbidden.

An almost perfect world, then, in the eyes of Burfleet, its ruler, and yet there are those who are discontented; but it is ever thus, and when Martin Torrelli, with his Energent B., shoots the moon off into space as a sign of rebellion, and by so doing destroys the world—it is drawn most horribly into the sun—the author reveals his object in writing the book. It is a satire on "science run mad." But it is also a most exciting romance, and as such I can warmly recommend it.

MR. MERRICK'S NEW STORIES.

It must be many years since Mr. Merrick allowed a new volume of stories to go forth. "The Little Dog Laughed" shows him to be as lively and provocative as ever, at moments gay in Paris, where Tricotrin is still to be found, at others serious and even sombre. He can tell of failures and successes in both big and small things. He can be merely diverting with his wily "twists" or wickedly satirical. There are maddeningly unsatisfactory adventures, as in "Five Bells" or "The Bootlace," and old-fashioned dramas as in "Little Birdie." The collection, indeed, is as varied as you could wish. Mr. Merrick has long had his own little niche, and it remains his own.

NO MURDER!

After reading "Burglars in Bucks," which the Crime Club puts forward as its latest "choice," I am reduced to the dreadful thought that murder is preferable to blackmail or theft. And yet Mr. and Mrs. Cole know well enough how to manage their exciting ingredients. They have even evolved a novel method of telling their story, for we are shown chronologically how the various clues to a jewel robbery came to Scotland Yard in the person of the admirable Wilson. Added to which, this particular case is not without its pleasant "surprise." Why, then, do I find myself faintly dissatisfied? Nobody is murdered!

GOOD MANNERS.

"Good Manners and Bad." By Hugh Scott. (Benn. 10s. 6d.)

There are many books from which the aspirant to polite society can learn which fork to use first and how to leave cards. Not many writers have attempted to define the subtler rules of well-bred behaviour, and there are few even of the politest people who will not be caught napping by Mr. Scott's examination. Mr. Scott covers a great deal of ground in this entertaining work—"Conversational Bad Manners," "Manners in Correspondence," "Table Manners," "Travelling Manners," "Manners in Sport," and so on. He reproves the snobbery of a theatre audience which will burst into laughter at the suggestion of shooting foxes when, in fact, to most of them "fox-hunting is about as familiar a sport as tiger-hunting." He reminds the traveller that on the Continent a man takes off his hat in a shop. He advises the stickler for precision in speech to leave out the "t" in "often" and the Oxford voice to refrain from the phrase "He that hath yahs to hyah let him hyah." He inveighs against the visitor to hotels who always seizes the best chair, the letter-writer who answers too soon and keeps his correspondent always in his debt, the humorist who tells too many funny stories, the caller who stays till meal-time. The book is full of anecdotes and amusing comments; and really there is scarcely anyone who would not derive benefit from reading it.

BOOKS & WRITERS.

SELECTION FOR THE LIBRARY.

THE KING'S MAJESTY.
By R. H. Gretton. (Faber and Faber. 6s.)

A HUNDRED YEARS OF PUBLISHING.
By Arthur Waugh. (Chapman and Hall. 15s.)

THE STORY OF LAMBETH PALACE.
By Dorothy Gardiner. (Constable. 15s.)

APRIL FOOLS.
By Compton Mackenzie. (Cassell. 7s. 6d.)

The fact that some of the publishers are already sending out their preliminary autumn catalogues reminds us that the best of the present book season is past. One of the first in the field with his future announcements is Sir Ernest Benn, prominent in whose list is Lord Askwith's "Lord James of Hereford," which is particularly valuable in view of his attitude to the fiscal question, and Mr. G. F. Malcolm Smith's "Lord Stratford de Redcliffe," in "The Curiosities of Politics Series," edited by Mr. Philip Guedalla.

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One important autumn book will be the inside story of the Dreyfus scandal—how excited we got about it at the time!—as told in the diaries and papers of the late Colonel Schwartzkoppen, which Putnam will publish in English.

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The modern politician has several methods of making himself heard nowadays beyond the floor of the Houses of Parliament. Thus Sir John Simon is not only to broadcast his talks on India this month, but he is to publish them as a Criterion Miscellany through Faber and Faber, who are also giving us Edward Thompson's book on "India: Commonsense or Chaos." Mr. Thompson has already given us a book on Suttee.

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A book on Mughal rule in India by the late Mr. S. M. Edwardes, sometime Commissioner of Police in Bombay, written in collaboration with Colonel H. L. O. Garrett, is to be published by the Oxford University Press. India is also represented by the Argonaut Press edition of Alexander Hamilton's classic "New Account of the East Indies," edited by Sir William Foster. Hamilton spent the years 1688-1723 in India.

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There has been a tendency lately to poohpooh Henley, which is not without its irony, because he spent his life in poohpoohing a great many people. Notwithstanding that we are getting a life of him by Kennedy Williamson. It is to be published by Harold Shaylor, the new firm that has taken over Brentano's. Mr. Shaylor is the son of the late Mr. Joseph Shaylor, a charming man who was so long connected with Simpkin Marshall.

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Flying is very much in the air, literally and metaphorically. Thus, Commodore Samson is to give us through Benn towards the end of the month his experiences under the title of "Fights and Flights," while the following month will bring us General Nobile's own account, "With the Italia to the North Pole."

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Mr. Richard Aldington is becoming very busy. He has translated the Decameron for Putnam, with illustrations by Jean de Bosschere, and Gerard de Nerval's "Aurelia" for the Aquila Press, with lithographs by Pearl Binder.

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I am told that Josef Kallinikov's pantechicon novel, "Women and Monks," which Mr. Secker is to publish next week, gives an astounding story of the Russian people from 1905 to 1917 as viewed from the narrow precincts of a Russian cloister. Some people hold that these Russian novels give a better view of Russia than anything else, because they have been mostly written for home consumption. This is particularly true of Russian books about the Soviet régime.

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Panait Istrati, whose famous novel of Balkan life, "Kyra, My Sister," is to be issued in translation by Humphrey Toulmin in a week or two, has had a curious history. He is a Rumanian who was making a scanty living as a street photographer when he tried to take his life in despair at Nice in 1921. He had left behind him a letter to Romain Rolland, who took him up, and he is now famous in France.

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Mr. John L. Stoddard, who joined the Church of Rome twelve years ago, has written a book for Burns, Oates and Washbourne called "Twelve Years in the Catholic Church." The same firm is giving us an expression of the Catholic faith by the Abbot of Buckfast under the title of "The New and Eternal Covenant." Presumably viewed from a different angle is "The Power and Secrets of the Jesuits," by Rene Fulop-Miller, which Putnam issues this month.

J. M. B.

WILLIAM CONGREVE.

"The Works of Congreve: Comedies; Incognita; Poems." Edited by F. W. Bateson. (Peter Davies. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by DILYS POWELL.

No other English dramatist gives us quite the same quality of pleasure as William Congreve. It is the pleasure of watching a society which is ever so slightly removed from reality. Within their own circle its men and women are perfectly convincing, in relation to each other perfectly credible; let us but remove our imagination for a moment from that magic circle and consider them in relation to ourselves and they become fantastic. It is, therefore, important for the reader or the spectator of Congreve to keep within the circle, to avoid applying to Millament or Valentine the disagreeable canons of morality and common sense. We must not examine "Love for Love" as if it were a Royal Commission on licence. But the student who surrenders himself to the glittering flow of Congreve's plays will be rewarded by a delicious respite from such problems as the relation of art and morality or realism on the stage. Morality does not enter the charmed circle, nor, heaven be praised, does realism.

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Nof, of course, that Congreve refrains entirely from the overrated touch of nature. Now and then he allows us to recognise a deeper knowledge of life; we realise that we have to deal with a man who lived in a "real" world, even if he chose to transform it. Millament is capricious for five acts, demanding to be "solicited to the very last, nay, and afterwards," refusing to "dwindle to a wife," detesting the country and hating the town, pinning up her hair with her letters ("only with those in verse"). Suddenly she drops her caprice.

> Why does not the man take me? Would you have me give myself to you over again?

That is genuine and not fantastic, as genuine as the ferocious episodes with Fainall and Mrs. Marwood. But these reminders of a world where inconstancy is a source of torment and love is not always met with love do not disturb the spectator's enjoyment. They merely assure him that the dramatist knows the human heart, though he prefers not to look at it too often.

Mr. Bateson has collected in a small fat volume "The Way of the World," "Love for Love," "The Old Bachelor," and "The Double-Dealer," as well as "Incognita," a pretty but little-known tale of Florence, and a few of the poems—among them the graceful "Song":—

> False though she be to me and love
> I'll ne'er pursue revenge;
> For still the charmer I approve,
> Though I deplore her change.
> In hours of bliss we oft have met,
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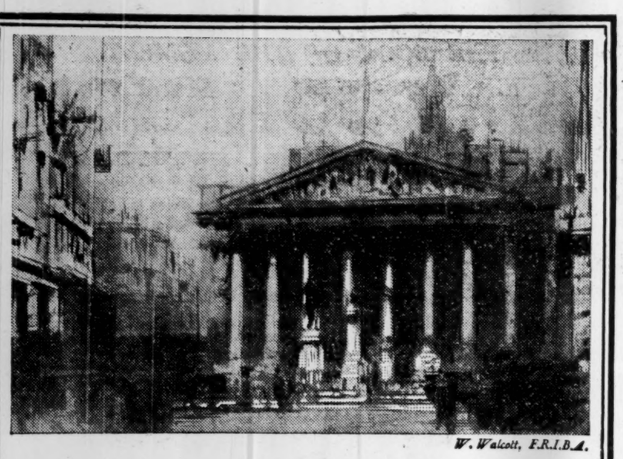

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TRADE, ART AND LETTERS.

By E. V. LUCAS.

I have no knowledge of the constitution of the Empire Marketing Board, its personnel, or its charter. All that our old friend Joseph Whitaker, F.S.A., tells us is that it is a branch of the Dominions and Colonial Offices, that the chairman is Mr. Amery, and the secretary Mr. S. G. Tallents. The rest I have had to deduce, like everybody else, from the free picture gallery with which the Board supplies London, and, I suppose, the provinces, which is always interesting, always informative, always stimulating, and very often exceedingly good art. It is also continually being added to, and at the present moment there is a scene of sheep on an antipodal farm by Mr. Williamson, which I always stop to look at again. Considering how vulgar and shallow is the ordinary poster of the hoardings, we ought to be very grateful to the Empire Marketing Board (as we are to the Underground Railways) for these well-chosen and carefully framed allurements.

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Were I Mr. Frank Rutter I should be as eloquent about them as about the pictures at Burlington House, where there is nothing more impressive than Mr. Spencer Pryse's great coloured lithographs of Nigeria or more radiant than the farmyard of Mr. John Nash and the still life of brother Paul. The lively and exciting maps by Mr. Macdonald Gill repay very careful study, and the West Indian designs of Mr. Frank Newbould should embarrass the booking department of the shipping offices. These are on the grand scale. Small and, therefore, better adapted to one's own walls (could one obtain copies) are the series 2 ft. 5 in. wide by 1 ft. 7 in. high depicting energy all over the Empire, from sisal cutting in East Africa, by Mr. Lintott, to a tulip farm in England itself, by Mr. A. A. Moore; from the Suez Canal and herring drifters of Mr. Charles Pears to the village grocer's shop, to which so many of these activities lead, by Mr. Fred Taylor.

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But the Empire Marketing Board does not stop at pictorial art. It has enlisted the services of literary artists too, as I have just discovered, for there lies before me a series of leaflets on the history of overseas enterprise and adventure by some of the best hands of the day. Literature has always broken out in strange places; why not in propaganda such as this? Let me quote a little. In one of the pamphlets, entitled "The Grocer's Shop," to explain Mr. Taylor's poster, we early find this passage: "When the child of an English village presses his nose against the grocer's window-pane he makes a magic casement for himself. Imagination signs a passport, and he is a globe-trotter in an instant. Shakespeare's Puck could put a girdle round the earth in forty minutes. Matched with that sprite of the Athenian Woods the English grocer may seem to be prosaic and earth-bound, but, by accident if not by essence, he is in the same line of business." Who do you suppose wrote that? Not Mr. Chesterton, who, it is notorious, has other ideas about those who groce. No, a commentator on life and the theatre who was lured away from his comfortable stall for the purpose—Mr. Ivor Brown. Who do you think sings the praises of South African oranges? One who had to be persuaded for the moment to forgo his gifts of ridicule and scorn. Mr. Ian Colvin.

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"Nobody that I know of," begins another Man of Letters, whose theme is the Irish Free State Creameries, "has written a poem in praise of butter." True, but why do you not write it yourself, Mr. Stephen Gwynn? "It is a mark of human ingratitude," says a distinguished fellow-countryman of Mr. Gwynn's, "that no one has ever written the life of the man who discovered tea." Try and find time to do it yourself, Mr. Robert Lynd, is our comment. But some of the best writing is by the only man of action on the Empire Marketing Board's list of authors—a sea captain, taking "The Trade Route to India" for his theme. Here is his description of Gibraltar: "No one can look upon the storied Rock unmoved. Its height and majesty of outline compel an awed regard. Drawing near, it is almost unbelievable that those grey toys nestling in the calm of the inner harbour are Britain's mightiest battleships, or that the verdure-covered escarpments could, upon alarm of war, roar destruction from a thousand iron throats." Who wrote that? Commander David Bone.

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The Empire Marketing Board has its eye first and foremost, I take it, on trade, and its hope is to encourage dealers to keep their transactions within our own territory, to put the idea of emigration into our heads, and, in the case of those young men and women who have already decided to break away, to assist them to a sphere of action. But where, I should guess, these pictures would find their most rapt admirers is in the schools. One does not want every child to emigrate, but there is no reason why their eyes should not sparkle. If the perusal fifty years ago of those two magical books, "Near Home" and "Far Off," the forerunners and correlatives of these posters and pamphlets, did not make me a rover or colonist, as I wish it had, the intention of these pictures may also fail. But it would be surprising if Mr. Taylor's two fine groups of "Sailors of Empire" and "Empire Builders" did not stir many young imaginations to breaking point.

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The Sailors of Empire are Cabot, Hudson, Drake, Smith, Raleigh, Dampier, Penn, Anson, Chatham, Wolfe, and Clive; and very appropriately Sir Henry Newbolt has been chosen to write the pamphlet in their praise. The Empire-Builders find their celebrant in Mr. John Buchan, a passage from whose rousing pages runs thus:—"In the story of the Empire there is often a fantastic disproportion between the seed and the fruit, the immediate plan and the ultimate creation. William Penn, the Quaker pamphleteer and preacher, founds a great province; Clive, a clerk in an Indian counting-house, conquers Bengal before he is thirty; the subaltern, James Brooke, takes his yacht into Borneo waters, and presently is Raja of Sarawak. Livingstone, seeking only to preach the Gospel, adds many thousands of miles to the map. Gordon, in the course of his professional career, finds himself a solitary defender of the faith, and by his death leaves a new inspiration to the world. A consumptive boy goes to South Africa seeking health, and dies before he is fifty, with a new country, Rhodesia, called by his name."—Disturbing stuff for the young!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Five-Pointed Star.

Sir,—It is reputed that George Washington took the design of his "star" from the spurs that once made the city of Ripon famous. Hence the motto, "As true steel as Ripon rowels." This is quite likely, for, after all, Washington was an Englishman before he was an American.

Ripon. M. HUNTER.

British Authors Buried Abroad.

Sir,—With reference to various correspondents on the above subject, no one has yet recorded that of "Fiona Macleod" (William Sharp), who is buried near Mount Etna, in Sicily, on the estate of his friend the Hon. Nelson Hood (the Duke of Bronte and formerly secretary to our Queen Mary).

Muswell Hill, N. HUBERT BATH.

The Late Begum of Bhopal.

Sir,—In your issue of Sunday, the 18th ult., there is a reference to the late Begum of Bhopal in which she is called the "Shah Jehan." This was the title of her mother, and the late Begum was the "Sultan Jehan."

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M. J. MEADE, Lieut.-Col.

Ste. Maxime, Var-France.

"Your Skin Acts Well."

Sir,—I think Mr. Harting is in error in stating that Irving said "Your skin acts well" to Mansfield. It was Tree who said this to a still-living actor, and added the advice that he should advertise "Doors open at 8, pores open at 9."

Scarborough. A. E. HANFORD.

Sir,—I have always been told that it was the late Sir William Gilbert who said to a famous actor, not Henry Irving, "Your skin's acted."

Chelsea, S.W. D. THORNE.

The Khyber Pass.

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Stamford Hill, N. NORA L. ROSE.

Congestion in Birdland.

Sir,—I read with pleasure the most interesting letter of Mr. Peter Brook on "Congestion in Birdland." Outside my bedroom window a pair of swallows built their nest. With much care and incessant work it was finished at last, when a couple of sparrows took possession of it! Now, both families visit, though it seems the sparrows come more frequently. I do not know whether both hens have laid yet, for, unfortunately, I cannot see into the nest, as it is too high up. It is, I think, a most interesting question.

Alton, Hants. OLGA GORDON SMITH.

"John Company."

Sir,—Your correspondent Captain J. M. Higginson was certainly misinformed when in India.

(1) The East India Company was formed on December 31, 1600, when Queen Elizabeth granted a charter with the right of exclusive trading to "the Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies."

(2) Although rival associations came into existence in the reign of Charles I., no company was formed with "exclusive" right to trade with India.

(3) Akbar died in the year 1605, and could not have been a contemporary of Charles I.

(4) The statement that the first East India Company became defunct on the death of Charles I. is incorrect.

C. COLLIN DAVIES.

School of Oriental Studies, E.C.

The Ice Saints.

Sir,—Will any of your readers kindly tell me if the third of "the Ice Saints," i.e., for May 13, is St. Gervais or St. Servatius, and when their connection with the cold period from May 9 to May 14, recorded by Alexander Buchan, was made, and in which country? St. Mammertus, the first of the three (May 11), was Archbishop of Vienna; St. Pancras, the second (May 12) was an English martyr; and the third, St. Gervais, was Bishop of Tongres.

CHRISTINA M. RIVINGTON.

Connaught Square, W.

Tiger Bay.

Sir,—Reams could be written on the subject of Tiger Bay, a well-defined part of Bute-town, Cardiff; its history, life at different periods, and its present degeneracy owing to the gradual, but sure, influx of coloured races from the East. Instead of having, as in the last part of the nineteenth century, whites and a few real negroes, we have now Adenese, Somalis, Zulus, Lascars, Hindus, and Chinese—all British subjects.

The song referred to by your correspondent, Mr. Jno. Ireland, was sung in a pantomime called "Robinson Crusoe," played at the Theatre Royal, Cardiff, in the eighties.

The hero embarked on the good ship Crikey Ho, whose captain rolled off his early maritime experiences, whilst his admiring crew gave rollicking support.

Cardiff. F. R.

Ten per cent. for Service.

Sir,—I should like to inform your readers that one of the travel agencies is now charging 10 per cent. for service on the bills in the restaurant cars and Pullmans. I have often noticed, returning from London, that English travellers using the Pullman on the French side overlook this fact, and that, therefore, they are giving tips twice. I admit that it is very difficult to discover that one has been charged for the service on the bill, as the words "le service n'est pas compris," printed in black, have been scratched out by two very pale pink bars, too pale, indeed, to be noticed. I have already put in a claim.

GILBERT ALLIFE.

Ave. du President Wilson, Paris.

Hampton Court.

Sir,—I read with much pleasure Mr. E. V. Lucas's musings on Richmond and Hampton Court in your last issue. May I, as a former "Hampton Courtier"—I lived in the Palace many years—point out that Cardinal Wolsey's garden was not where the principal garden, or "Great Parterre," as it was originally called, is to-day?

Mr. Ernest Law has shown, in his inimitable history of the Palace, that few traces of Wolsey's garden now remain. It lay to the south of the Base and Clock courts, where the little pond garden, known as the Tudor garden, laid out by Henry VIII., can still be seen. Mr. Law himself was instrumental in having a corner near to it once more "enknotted with knots" in the manner known to the great Cardinal.

I have a Hollar print of the Tudor east front, which shows only the moat before the building, and the park stretching away beyond it, no garden at all.

The plan of the main garden as it is to-day we owe chiefly to Wise, the gardener of William III., though the canals and lime avenues were designed by Rose in the reign of Charles II. With all due deference to Mr. Lucas, the lawns and flower-borders that he mentions are not yet *three* hundred years old!

S. Kensington, S.W. E. M. KEATE.

The Oldest Soldier.

Sir,—Sergeant William Brereton will be pleased to hear that an officer of his old regiment—88th (Connaught Rangers)—survives. Colonel John William Fry completes his 93rd year on June 14. Apparently the oldest veteran soldier of the Mutiny is Troop-Sergt.-Major John Stratford, of Wolverhampton, who will complete his 101st year next month. He joined the 14th, or King's Light Dragoons (later Hussars), eighty-four years ago! Private Robert Franklin, of the old 52nd, is in his 94th year, and, like Sergeant Brereton, is in the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Palmers Green, N. A. J. W.

Sir,—I recently visited the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and had the privilege of meeting Sergeant Brereton, and also another Mutiny survivor, Private Franklin—one of the 52nd who went in at the Kashmir Gate at Delhi.

I believe, however, that the oldest surviving soldier of the British Army is Sergt.-Major Stratford, of Wolverhampton, 14th Hussars, who was in the charge at Ramnagpur, 1848, and also served at Chilianwallah and Gujerat, 1848-49. He was 100 years old last July, when he was the recipient of congratulations from the King.

While on the subject of veterans, it seems that old sailors, like old soldiers, never die! I have a copy of a letter dated April 14, 1930, from Plymouth, written by Mr. James John Mills, who states that he served forty years. Joining as a second-class boy on H.M. ship Saint George on October 20, 1847, he saw service in the Crimean War, and is now 96 years old.

R. STEELE, Capt.

Gloucester Gate, N.W.

Hanged for Forgery.

Sir,—The last execution for forgery in this country took place on December 31, 1829, the culprit being Thomas Maynard, a clerk in the Customs House, who forged a warrant for £1,973. He was hanged outside Newgate. Capital punishment was not abolished in all cases of forgery until 1837, but Maynard was the last person to be executed for the crime.

Northwood. J. ROWLAND HOPWOOD.

Sir,—Forgery was punishable by death for 200 years—between 1634 and 1837—when the penalty was reduced to transportation. Several forgers were executed later than 1809, notably Henry Fauntleroy, the banker, who was hanged at the Old Bailey in 1824.

R BUDDLE ATKINSON.

Ellesmere, Shropshire.

Sir,—I have in my possession a book called "The Black Book, or Corruption Unmasked," which was published in 1828. The author, who is anonymous, gives figures showing that from the year 1805 to 1818, in England and Wales, there were 501 convicted of forgery, and of this number 297 were executed.

The Bank of England is quoted by the author as having stated on May 13, 1818, that from 1812 to 1818 there were 131,361 forged notes presented for payment, and the total value is given for the last three years of this period—viz., £74,760.

Tunbridge Wells. T. S. HUNTER.

[Replies have also been received from A. E. Hanford (Scarborough), R. P. Griffiths (Lowestoft), J. H. Lester (Eccles), W. S. (Tunbridge Wells), Guy Nugent (Surbiton) C. F. Sykes (Harlesden), T. P. H. (Leigh-on-Sea) Ethel L. Morris (Chesham Bois), Solicitor (Norfolk), B. P. (Streatham), E. Philip Belben (Wimborne), and Major-General Granville Egerton (Edinburgh).]

Macaulay and False History.

Sir,—Does not the question of accuracy in Macaulay's "Armada"—

Her crew had seen Castile's black fleet beyond Aurigny's isle

turn on the word "beyond"?

If the Golden Hind had sighted the Armada off the Lizard, could not the Lizard be considered "beyond" Alderney?

Macaulay was, of course, not only a poet but a propagandist, and, as such, his readers will grant for the former licence, but as regards the latter they will read him with the same grain of salt as they would read, say, a more modern propagandist.

It seems as profitless to judge Mr. Hilaire Belloc for some of his assertions at the time of the "Russian Steamroller" in 1914, for instance, as it is to quibble at the statements of one of our most noble masters of prose.

Macaulay's account of the Battle of the Boyne was taken from: Story's Impartial Account and Continuation; the History of the War in Ireland by an Officer of the Royal Army; the Despatches in the French War Office; the Life of James, Orig. Mem.; Burnet ii. 50, 60; Narcissus Luttrell's Diary; the *London Gazette* of July 10, 1690; the Despatches of Hop and Baden; a narrative, probably drawn up by Portland, which William sent to the States-General; Portland's private letter to Melville; Captain Richardson's Narrative and map of the battle; the Dumont M.S., and the Bellingham M.S., and also the diary of a captain in James's army "in bad Latin."

C. F. MILSOM.

Northam, North Devon.

Sir,—Mr. Hilaire Belloc has decided that—

Macaulay was essentially a rhetorician and had not that general culture which is the first necessary in a historian.

In Mary Gladstone's "Diaries" it is recorded that a company of eminent scholars, including Lord Acton and Benjamin Jowett, discussed, not whether Macaulay was a historian, but whether or no Macaulay was one of the first six historians of the world, the remaining five being Herodotus, Livy, Thucydides, Tacitus, and Gibbon; the opinions for and against Macaulay's inclusion appear to have been strongly and learnedly sustained.

But the Muse of History and the genius for public service still keep faith with the great house founded by Zachary Macaulay, who spent time and fortune in the cause of Slave Emancipation; a house that stands serene, and living not on its past glories, but ever furthering the cause of truth and humanity; a family record that in three consecutive generations includes three Cabinet Ministers and three historians of indisputable worth: Thomas Babington, Lord Macaulay; Sir George O. Trevelyan; Sir Charles Trevelyan and his brother Mr. G. U. Trevelyan, O.M.

I recommend the famous line of Macaulay himself to Mr. Belloc:—

And o'en the ranks of Tuscany could scarce forbear to cheer.

Lytham. J. SHAW.

Rennell's Current.

Sir,—I quite admit that in my letter, which appeared in your issue of May 25, I should have referred to "Rennell's Current" and not "Reynold's Current." I wrote from a rather distant memory, and am under an obligation to Admiral Purey-Cust for pointing out the mistake.

If I may express an opinion as a seaman of forty-five years' experience, including a long spell in the Admiralty War Staff, I do not think that our historians of the Armada sea campaign have laid enough stress on the decisively important influence of Rennell's Current on the whole course of events. They freely refer to the disastrous gales that occurred later, but these only came when the expedition was already a failure, whereas it was Rennell's Current that disclosed our enemies' intentions and forced them into a position whence thereafter they could be kept under constant observation and interference.

If the Spaniards could have got as far up Channel as, say, Cape Hogue, undiscovered, they would have had a very fair chance of landing their troops in England, and our forebears would have witnessed a repetition of the awful scenes enacted in Holland. But the forces of Nature were mobilised against them all through, and spoke with no uncertain voice. First the water thrust the Armada off its course to warn England that it was coming, and then the wind took it with both hands and shook it to pieces.

G. A. BALLARD, Admiral (ret.).

Corsham, Wilts.

"The Concert of Europe."

Sir,—In his review of "British Documents on the Origin of the War, 1898-1914," Sir John Marriott truly observes that the crisis really began in the Balkans. Some of your readers will doubtless recollect an extremely witty extravaganza "in the conditional mood" by Messrs. E. V. Lucas and C. L. Graves, entitled "If," published about twenty years ago. That stormy petrel King Ferdinand of Bulgaria was neatly summed up:—

Ferdy had a hurdy-gurdy:
Ferdy had his fling.
Ferdy soared like any birdie—
Ferdy now is King!

"If there was a Concert of Europe" contained two verses which for verbal felicity deserve immortality. M. Delcassé, the French Foreign Minister, had become *persona non grata* to the Kaiser, and the latter demanded his resignation. The Emperor's contribution to "the Concert" was as follows:—

(Tune: "I love a lassie.")
I loathed Delcassé—that dangerous Delcassé
He was cute as an oyster in its shell;
He was light as a feather and deceitful altogether,
And therefore Delcassé fell.

About the same period the *Daily Telegraph*, not for the first time, made history. It published an interview with the Kaiser. The affair convulsed the Chancelleries of Europe. It had also repercussions which the Kaiser had not calculated upon. The German Chancellor, Von Bülow, felt it his duty to protest to his Imperial master. Subsequently he was dismissed.

Another item in "the Concert" was:—

(Tune: "Tom Bowling.")
His voice was resonant and fruity,
His words were bland and soft:
Faithful Bülow—he did his duty,
And now he's gone aloft.

WESTWOOD MACNEILL.

Largs, Ayrshire.

Lawrence of the Chesapeake.

Sir,—On looking over one of my guard-books I find I have pasted up a cutting from your issue of October 7, 1923, in which it is stated that Captain James Lawrence, of the U.S. frigate Chesapeake, was born next door to James Fenimore Cooper (the novelist) in South High Street, Burlington, N.J.

I do not in any way question the correctness of that statement, but it may possibly be of interest if I say that some time ago I dropped across the following paragraph in the *Courier* of Tuesday, July 13, 1813:—

We understand, from very good authority, that the late Captain Lawrence, of the American frigate Chesapeake, was a native of Bristol, and educated at Colston's Charity School in this city. He had a younger brother, and both were for some time in the Navy; but being disappointed in their hopes of promotion, they went to America, where they soon after obtained the command of gunboats, from which Captain Lawrence was transferred to the Hornet, and afterwards to the Chesapeake.—*Bristol Mirror.*

As June 1 was the 117th anniversary of the famous duel off Boston between Shannon and Chesapeake, perhaps you might like to insert this letter in case any reader may be able to offer some explanation as to the seeming discrepancy regarding the birthplace of Captain Lawrence.

It occurs to me that if he and his brother had served in the British Navy their records should be obtainable from the Admiralty office.

Bristol. JNO. IRELAND.

"Rock Salmon."

Sir,—The correct name of the "rock salmon" is the coal-fish. It is a species of cod, but with black upper parts and without the long barbel. It is common off the British coasts, and often goes about in shoals. It is very voracious and destroys many herrings. It is at its best during the last quarter of the year, when, if not very large, it is eatable, wholesome, and cheap, although coarse. It sometimes weighs as much as 30 lb.

Croydon. P. G. TILLARD.

Sir,—The fish sold in the market as "rock salmon" is the wolf-fish (Anarrhicus lupus).

Your reader will find a reference to this fish in Mr. E. G. Boulenger's always interesting and instructive article, "The World of Science," which appeared in the issue of the *Daily Telegraph* of the 27th ult.

H. WINGFIELD CROSS.

Cannon Hill, N.W.

Sir,—The fish known to the trade as "rock salmon," so called from a fancied slight resemblance in shape and colour to the salmon, to which it is in no ways related, is the coal-fish, a coarse sea fish which attains to the average size of cod and pollack.

When half-grown, it is known as billet, and the fry are called pennocks. Another name which fishermen give to the full-grown fish is "blackjack," but its "book-name" is "coal-fish." The coal-fish follows the shoals of herrings, upon which it feeds, and the billet pays like attention to the shoals of sprats.

Hinderwell. ROWLAND H. HILL.

Sir,—This is a name often given to the coal-fish (Gadus virens), which is a species of cod with black upper parts common in northern seas.

In Scotland, where it is abundant round the Shetlands, it is called the saith, and is introduced thus in William Black's "Princess of Thule" (ch. xxvii.).

In the United States it is called the pollock, and is also classed as one of the amber-fish. A LOVER OF QUOTATIONS.

Hyde Park, W.

[Replies have also been received from W. B. Johnson (Great Coates), J. Gunsten (King's Lynn), E. M. Gullick (Pirbright), and Phil W. Thompson (Ipswich).]

The Education Bill.

Sir,—It is very striking that in a single newspaper article there should be more evidence of acquaintance with fundamental principles than is shown by all the speeches made in Parliament during a whole week. It is disquieting because it shows the mechanisation of Parliament.

"Scrutator's" remarks in last Sunday's article are worth repeating; indeed, it would be well if they could be repeated until every adult in the land had assimilated them:—

We need for the vast mass of those who have finished their elementary education wholly different kinds of continuation schools. The great mischief to be avoided is the gap between the education of school and the education of life. Do let us cut adrift from the false view of education that it is sitting at a desk and having information pumped into one. Education is in the effort of the pupil.

South Croydon. PEDAGOGUE.

Musical Similarities.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Kobold Knight, was amazed to notice similarities between Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" and Sullivan's "Mikado." It may interest him to know that Sullivan was *non est* long before Puccini wrote "Butterfly," and that Puccini was far too great a composer to plagiarise (or, roughly, "pinch") from another.

The particular melody, or phrase, which Mr. Knight has in mind is the traditional one which occurs in the Japanese National Anthem, and is, therefore, the common property of any composer who wishes to introduce a Japanese atmosphere into his composition.

Muswell Hill, N. HUBERT BATH.

Readers' Queries.

[The number of readers queries that reach us is now so great that a small proportion only can be published and we endeavour, therefore, to make a selection of those of most general interest.]

What is the allusion in the well-known doggerel verse?—

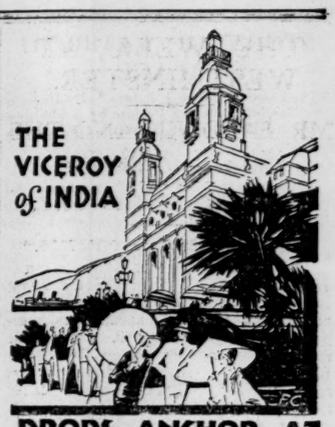
The brave old Duke of York,
He had ten thousand men,
He marched them up a great high hill
And he marched them down again.

—W. Bolton Tomson (St. Leonards-on-Sea).

Will someone kindly enlighten me as to the meaning of the expression: "Selling the pass"?—Osmond Beeby (Ryde).

Can anybody state from flying experience whether people customarily giddy on heights lose this giddiness in flying?—C. M. (Guildford).

Will one of your readers give me some information as to the origin—words and music—of an item "God be in my Head," which was recently broadcast from the Temple Church?—A. G. (Tatsfield).



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THE WEEK AT WESTMINSTER.

MR. BALDWIN AND THE NAVAL TREATY.

PARADOX OF HISTORY.

By "A STUDENT OF POLITICS."

The events of the week are soon summarised. We had a debate on the Naval Treaty, mainly remarkable for a revolutionary innovation in Parliamentary practice proposed by Mr. Baldwin; a debate on the Lords' amendments to the Coal Mines Bill, in which a knock-kneed alliance between the two Opposition parties failed (with some assistance from the Derby) to prevent the reinstatement of the original clause on the district levy; another debate on the Finance Bill, which actually drew a concession from the Government over the abatements from income-tax on account of insurance premiums; and an interesting debate on relations with Russia, opened by Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, and continued by Mr. Henderson, whose position in the party seems to grow stronger every day. In addition, the Government have killed the Channel Tunnel scheme, and there have been some important changes in the Cabinet. A week with a uniform good level of interest, but without anything of conspicuous merit.

This, then, would appear to be a suitable opportunity to offer some general observations on the present state of parliamentary politics. Did Mr. Baldwin, when he proposed on Monday last that a Select Committee of eleven Members should be appointed to report and advise on the Naval Disarmament Treaty, quite realise what a revolutionary proposal he was making? He made the excuse that this treaty is one of exceptional importance and deals with difficult and often technical issues, but the same could be said of very many treaties, and indeed if the principle is accepted for one treaty the argument for a Standing Committee to examine all foreign treaties is irresistible. Moreover, if such a Committee is to be of much use it must report before ratification, so that in effect the proposal to some extent associates Parliament in executive responsibility.

BIG CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE.

The Committee suggested by Mr. Baldwin would have had power to call for relevant documents, and it would have been impossible to keep any foreign motives from its inquisitive gaze. It is a curious irony of history that has made the leader of the old war-time Union of Democratic Control the defender of Foreign Office secrecy and of bureaucracy, and made the leader of the Conservative Party put forward proposals that would set up real parliamentary control over foreign policy. The suggestion made here last week that Mr. MacDonald might lead the Conservative Party and that Mr. Baldwin (Protectionism apart) would make an excellent Liberal leader was not ludicrously wide of the mark in its satire.

The coming big constitutional issue is whether Parliament should take a hand in the Government or whether it should degenerate more and more into an ineffectual Greek chorus merely commenting on events. The first is the French view of the functions of Parliament, and would work naturally with schemes of proportional representation, an elaborate extension of the Committee system on the French model, and the multiplication of groups. The second is on the traditional English lines, albeit corrupted by the tightening of party discipline and the decline of the political independence of the average member. Are we to understand from Mr. Baldwin's motion that if and when these two opposing schools of thought about Parliament come into open conflict he will be on the revolutionary side? The idea opens up wide fields of speculation.

RESHUFFLING OF POSTS.

The transference of Mr. Thomas to the Dominions (where he will be much more at home than in his late position) is much more than a reshuffling of Ministerial posts. (It is, by the way, a pity that while he was making changes Mr MacDonald did not get rid of Lord Passfield, whose pedantry and lack of imagination as evidenced by his mishandling of the Palestine business, are becoming a danger to the country's interests.) We are to see in the resignation of Sir Oswald Mosley and the transference of Mr. Thomas the first innings of a political match which is not yet over. The main contestants are Mr. Snowden and Mr. Thomas on the one side and Sir Oswald Mosley on the other. Backed by the sentiment of some of the Labour Party, Mr. Snowden is for a working alliance with the Liberals; the bulk of the party are not. Mr. Snowden is for Free Trade and for the rigorous enforcements of the old doctrines of prudent finance still inculcated by the banks. The logic of Labour—certainly of trade unionism—is Protectionist, and many of its important members have come to regard the banks as the villains of the piece. Mr. Snowden drove Sir Oswald Mosley, who stands for these new ideas, out of office, only to find that the feeling of the party was too hostile to let Mr. Thomas stay. In the result Mr. MacDonald will become the real Minister of Employment. That is to say, he is likely to come into more direct opposition to Mr. Snowden.

MR. MACDONALD AND MR. SNOWDEN.

The two men are temperamentally unsympathetic. The one has a woolly mind, a nature that is suspicious but at the same time impulsive; the other is hard and concrete in both views and manner. The one is supple, yielding, given to compromise, the other unyielding; the one much given to prospecting in strange places for his ideas, the other stubborn and doctrinaire. It will be a political miracle if the new contact over the problems of unemployment does not both deepen and extend the divisions in the Labour Party that are already evident. The rise may be foreseen of a new protectionism within the Labour Party, and of new views on national finance which will certainly not be those of Mr. Snowden. The problem of unemployment will take on new and political forms and resolve itself into new issues which will find people of very different political colours in close association. The Coalition (for Labour is essentially a coalition) may be much nearer a break-up than is generally realised.

The passing of the years seems, if anything, to intensify the tremendous vitality of Sir Robert Perks, the famous engineering expert, and last week, at the age of 81, he coined a new slogan, "Get on with a new Waterloo Bridge." He further suggested that London stands in urgent need of a second Mussolini to settle the problem of her bridges once for all; and there are many who would be glad to see Sir Robert himself endowed with the necessary authority to act. Although continuing to work as hard as ever, Sir Robert does not disdain a little relaxation occasionally, and the other night he and Lady Perks gave a dance for young people at their house in Kensington Palace Gardens. The host and hostess celebrated their golden wedding two years ago, and it was delightful to see them standing by their own fireside watching with a reminiscent smile scores of their young friends twirling rapidly round to the strains of the Blue Danube valse or skipping energetically to the tune of a rousing polka.

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The Marquess of Zetland, who will be 54 during the coming week, is, now that the Marquess Curzon has passed away, probably our greatest authority on the Orient. He was A.D.C. to Lord Curzon during his Viceroyalty, and later wrote the official life of that statesman. For nine years he was M.P for Hornsey (as Earl of Ronaldshay); and then the Orient beckoned again, and he spent five eventful years as Governor of Bengal. He has been suggested more than once as a likely Viceroy. A great deer-stalker, he is also the Senior Steward of the Jockey Club.

MEN, WOMEN, AND MEMORIES.

MR. J. H. THOMAS—THE HONOURS LIST—TIVADAR NACHEZ—MR. E. W. BEATTY.

By ATTICUS.

It is a curious and significant sign of the times that the first Secretary of State for the Dominions should have begun life at nine years of age as an errand boy, and passed on in due course to become engine-cleaner, fireman, engine-driver, town councillor, president of the Trades Union Congress, Colonial Secretary, and Lord Privy Seal, and Mr. Thomas has contrived to pass through all these phases before he is 55. Everybody agrees that he will be in his right place at the head of the Dominions Office, where he will frequently have to confer with Prime Ministers who have themselves ascended from the ranks of manual labour.

Mr. Thomas has put an immense amount of energy and industry into his task as Minister of Unemployment. It is no personal fault of his that he has not succeeded in finding a solution for that disastrous problem. Perhaps the real remedy can only be found in close association with the Governments of the Dominions. With a new orientation of Empire policy approaching, it is fitting that our unofficial Minister of Unemployment should be called upon to preside over the Imperial Conference of this year, which may well prove "epoch-making."

REAL "MERIT."

The Prime Minister is to be congratulated on his Honours List. He has got clean away from the tradition of granting titles to party politicians or pushing nonentities. There are few persons in the catalogue who have not earned their distinctions by good work, some for the public service, science, literature, and art. The literary awards, one notes with approval, have this time gone to eminent scholars. Sir George Macaulay Trevelyan does, it is true, write in a style—hereditary, perhaps—which causes him to be much more widely read than most novelists; but he is also a sound and accurate historian who does honour to the professorial chair at Cambridge, once held by Seeley. Dr. James is also widely known to the general public as the author of some of the best ghost-stories ever written; but he is also one of the greatest living authorities on mediæval learning: just as Dr. Samuel Alexander is one of our few real philosophers.

USEFUL KNIGHTS.

Another very distinguished savant in the list is Sir Arthur Eddington, Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge, whose reputation is world-wide, wheresoever learned men meet and discuss the electric constitution of matter and other mysteries. It has been part of Professor Eddington's mission in life to explain Einstein to the average non-scientific mind, and there are those who think he has succeeded. From the higher physics Mr. MacDonald has descended to the physicians and others who minister to human ills.

Knighthoods are very properly bestowed on Professor Leonard Hill, the director of the National Institute of Medical Research, and on Major Harold Gillies, F.R.C.S., that master of plastic surgery, who has repaired and renovated so many luckless faces ravaged by German bullets and shell-splinters. There is another for Mr. Norman Bennett, the president of the British Dental Association, which is, I think, the first public recognition of a most honourable and useful profession. Millions of sufferers whose pains have been alleviated, or their deficiencies supplied, by the dentist may feel that they owe as much to this practitioner as to the scientist who measures the stars and weighs the atoms.

THE OLDER JOURNALISM.

The *Daily Chronicle and Daily News*, now become two twin cherries on one stalk, have between them filled a famous chapter in English journalism. Many notable writers have sat in the editorial chairs, beginning with Charles Dickens, who was the first editor of the *Daily News* in 1846—the year in which Britain turned to Free Trade. After Dickens came John Forster, the author of the "Life of Goldsmith," a distinguished man of letters with a somewhat self-assertive manner. Of him it is related that a cabman brought to the office an umbrella which he said a gent. had left in his vehicle. "What gentleman?" asked the door porter. "O you know!" replied cabby; "that harbitary cove." The porter at once took the umbrella to its rightful owner.

Full of interest and significance is the fact that General Wolfe's statue in Greenwich Park should have been unveiled by the Marquis de Montcalm, a descendant of Wolfe's famous adversary, who shared with him the splendour and the tragedy of the Plains of Abraham. France and England, we all hope and believe, will never draw sword against one another again. But what a magnificent epic is the story of their old wars! And we of this generation can still almost touch hands with some of its paladins and heroes. In 1916 I was at Boulogne, and met the French general who was in charge of the works thrown up round that town to resist a possible German attack. He told me that he was the great-grandson of the officer who was commandant of the Boulogne forts in 1805, when Napoleon's Grand Army was mustering there for the invasion of England under the watching eyes of Lord Nelson's frigates. And here, 111 years later, were men sprung from Nelson's sailors and Napoleon's soldiers hand-in-hand against a common enemy!

YOUNG OXFORD.

Once again the Newdigate Prize for English verse at Oxford has been won by a young lady. This famous trophy seems now to have become a monopoly of the "undergraduettes." One wonders why. Poetry throughout the ages—though there have been female bards from Sappho to Mrs. Browning—is among the things which men have usually contrived to do better than women. Is the young Oxford "slacker" nowadays too slack even to write verse? The girls at this ancient seat of learning seem more energetic. Perhaps in time Oxford will be represented in the University Boat Race by a Ladies' Eight; and then Cambridge may be beaten, or at least arrive at the winning-post showing some signs of exhaustion.

A FINE ARTIST.

The death of Tivadar Nachez will recall pleasant memories to those who frequented the London concert halls thirty years ago. In his day Nachez was as famous as the younger violinists who superseded him in popular favour, so that he was almost forgotten when he made a final appearance on the platform some four years ago. He was a brilliant executant and deservedly esteemed by amateurs who had listened to the great Joachim in his prime. Tivadar Nachez was the owner of almost the finest violin in the world, a matchless example of the Cremona school. He prized this masterpiece so much that he used to take it to bed with him; or so, at least, I read in the obituary notices. I wonder how he managed the business. A violin in its case must be an uncomfortable bed-fellow. It would be rather like sleeping with a child's coffin. On the other hand, if the instrument were put to bed naked, the arrangement might, one would think, be disastrous for the violin.

GREAT RAILWAY CHIEFS.

Mr. E. W. Beatty, the chairman of the Canadian Pacific Company, who was received by the King on Monday, is said to be the greatest expert on railway management and transport problems to hold what is really the most important post in the Dominion. It is gratifying to know that, though he has a supreme confidence in the future of Canada, which he believes will become one of the world's greatest nations, he is convinced that it must work out its destiny in close association with Great Britain and the British Empire.

Mr. Beatty has had notable predecessors in his office, including Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Sir William Van Horne. The latter impressed me as one of the half-dozen ablest men I have met. He was not only a most successful, resourceful, and resolute "big business" magnate, but likewise a very fair landscape painter, a connoisseur of Oriental porcelain, and a good geologist. He told me that when he was twelve years old, and a telegraph messenger, he was sent with a message to the owner of some stone quarries. While waiting for the answer he picked up a fossil trilobite. This roused his curiosity and induced him to read all the books on geology he could find in the public library of the town. To his other accomplishments Van Horne added an uncanny *flair* for most games of chance. To play poker with him was an exciting but expensive experience.

"THE TOWN": MEN AND INTIMACIES

By "AUTOLYCUS."

The flotsam and jetsam of many motor smashes is now being assembled with much secrecy in a private garage in Mayfair, from which, if all goes well, some sort of moving vehicle will be towed down to Bray next Sunday, carefully swathed in concealing canvas. The occasion is the motor rally in aid of the new Kensington, Fulham, and Chelsea General Hospital, and since this is practically the first gathering of its kind in England already there is a long list of entries in each of the six classes. There are prizes for the smartest car and passengers, the smartest lady passenger, the best preserved pre-war veteran—whether car or passenger is left optional—and so on. But undoubtedly the most amusing event will be the class for the best "Heath Robinson" car, in which the more bruised and battered the body and the occupants thereof the better. This has, of course, set all the bright young people to work, and the girl driver of one entry and her long-limbed passenger are laying odds against any of their friends being able to recognise them—or their car!

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Memories of the late Sir Edmund Gosse were revived at the dinner given at the Guildhall last Monday to the visiting delegates at the Imperial Press Conference by the Press of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The music included a rendering by the Fleet Street Choir of Elgar's "After Many a Dusty Mile," the words of which were translated by Gosse from the Greek Anthology:—

> After many a dusty mile,
> Wand'rer, linger here awhile;
> Stretch your limbs in this long grass;
> Through these pines a wind shall pass
> That shall cool you with its wing.
> Grasshoppers shall shout and sing,
> While the shepherd on the hill,
> Near a fountain warbling still,
> Modulates, when noon is mute,
> Summer songs along his flute;
> Underneath a spreading tree,
> None so easy-limb'd as he,
> Sheltered from the dog-star's heat.
> Rest: and then, on freshened feet
> You shall pass the forest through.
> It is Pan that counsels you.

It has all the grace and delicacy of touch of the great critic, a writer whose like we shall not see again.

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Not much has been said, in the week's writings about the *Daily Chronicle*, of its famous Literary Page, for famous it was in the eighteen-nineties. It was the first real effort, by a London morning paper, to make reviews a daily feature, and so it was a "blazing" of both the journalistic and the literary trails. The father of the idea was undoubtedly Mr. Alfred E. Fletcher, the second editor of the *Daily Chronicle*, who firmly held that most newspaper readers wanted to keep themselves instructed about current English literature. Mr. Fletcher's departure at once won the confidence and steady support of his understanding and enterprising proprietor, the late Mr. Frank Lloyd.

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Soon "Page Three," as even the readers of the old *Daily Chronicle* got to call the Book Page, was widely talked about, alike for its quality and its readability. At the start it was edited under Mr. Fletcher's own direction, for he was a man of fine literary tastes as well as democratic sympathies. Then Mr. H. W. Massingham, who joined the *Daily Chronicle* from the *Star*, became definitely literary editor, and made the post distinguished in Fleet Street and influential outside. Many people who had no sympathy with the political views of the *Chronicle* took it for its "Books of the Day," and that feature both lifted and solidified it as a national daily.

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More in the nature of a warning than for its humorous side I tell this story of a young newly married couple who were able to furnish their flat almost entirely with wedding presents, amongst which a quantity of fine silver was conspicuous. Hardly had everything been arranged than a letter arrived one morning containing two stalls for a popular revue, clipped to a piece of paper on which was written, "Can either of you guess who these are from?" After many conjectures as to which of their friends or relations was the benefactor the young couple duly used the tickets when the evening came. Returning home about midnight a fearful scene met their distracted gaze—the flat had been cleared of every single object of any value, and pinned to a curtain was a card, saying, "*Now* you know who sent the tickets." In case this climax is too pathetic for some of my readers, I hasten to add that the young husband was amply covered by an "all-risks" insurance policy!

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A Derby without the Aga Khan would not be complete; he has not missed one for twenty years. His victory on Wednesday was very popular, for His Highness is not only a lover of horses but a great breeder also. His passion for horses may be due to his Arab ancestry. Fifty millions of Ismailies regard him as infallible and obey his word without a murmur. His followers are mainly found in India, Persia, and Africa, and many are leading merchants of great wealth. His son, Prince Ali Khan, has a house of his own in Park Lane.

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Seldom, if ever, has a bevy of bridesmaids been rewarded on such a princely scale as the long retinue of seventeen girls who attended Miss Margaret Darell at her wedding to Mr. Helmut Schröder last week. The bridegroom gave an enormous dinner party at the Embassy to the bridesmaids and the twenty ushers, and when each girl took her place at the long table she found a flat leather case, with her initials stamped upon it. Inside each case was a pair of long diamond earrings hung with a tourmaline drop, and no sooner had the delightful surprise worn off than the recipients realised that Mr. Schröder had even taken the trouble to find out who had pierced ear-lobes and who not. The bridegroom is the son of Baron and Baroness Bruno Schröder, whose house in Park Street now resembles a peninsula almost entirely surrounded by Grosvenor House, since up to the present the Baron has firmly withstood the almost extravagant offers made to induce him to allow his house to be swallowed up by the vast caravanserai that threatens to engulf it.

MALTA AND THE POPE.

RELIGION AND POLITICS.

THE ETERNAL CONFLICT.

By HAROLD COX.

The recently published correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the Holy See with regard to affairs in Malta reveals an extremely unpleasant situation. The trouble began as far back as February of last year, when the authorities of the Church of Rome ordered a monk in Malta to move to another convent of the same order outside the island. The monk, who was a British subject, refused to obey, and a correspondence began over this issue. At the request of the British Government an Apostolic Delegate was sent to Malta to inquire into the incident, and stayed some months, but made no public report. Meanwhile, Lord Strickland, the Prime Minister of the island, suggested that he should see the Pope on the matter, but received the reply that he was a *persona non grata* with the Vatican.

The British Government, through its representative at the Vatican, strongly protested against this extraordinary attitude on the part of the Pope. The quarrel became still more serious a little later on, as an election was pending on the results of which Lord Strickland's position as Premier was involved. The authorities of the Roman Church actually went to the length of issuing an edict that it would be "a mortal sin" to vote at the forthcoming elections for Lord Strickland's party, and cases are reported in which priests asked penitents in the confessional whether they intended to vote for that party, and when the answer was in the affirmative refused absolution. As a result of this ecclesiastical interference with local politics Lord Strickland very wisely decided that the election must be postponed.

CLAIMS BY THE VATICAN.

These facts, which are published in the official correspondence, are sufficiently serious. A further fact is brought out in the *Daily Telegraph* of Friday last. Sir Augusto Bartolo, who is Minister of Education in the Maltese Government and served for a time as Deputy Premier for Lord Strickland, is now in London, and in an interview stated that last summer the Vatican claimed, through the Bishop of Malta, that ecclesiastics were immune from the jurisdiction of the law courts in lay matters. Obviously such a claim could not be entertained in any British possession. As a matter of fact the privilege thus claimed by the Vatican was abolished in Malta a century ago by a law which was subsequently acquiesced in by the Holy See.

We are indeed up against an extreme form of the conflict which arises from time to time in various parts of the world between religious and civil authorities. The countries which perhaps have suffered most from these conflicts are Ireland and India. In Ireland for many generations past every political fight has been ultimately based on the conflict between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism. In India the situation is even worse. There for centuries Moslems and Hindus have been at war with one another and temporary peace is only maintained by the presence of a sufficiently strong British force to prevent them from killing each other. Quite obviously no British Government can accept for a moment the attitude taken up by the Pope as regards the affairs of Malta, and the present Ministry is to be congratulated on the firm tone they have taken in their correspondence with the Vatican.

EARLIER HISTORY.

Some people seem to think that there is a political object lurking behind the Pope's interference. Until quite recently the authority of the Pope was not recognised by the Italian Government, and the Vatican was treated as more or less outside the kingdom of Italy. Signor Mussolini has now altered that situation and established friendly relations between himself and the Pope, with the result that the Vatican has been restored to something like the position that it used to hold in Italy in past centuries. Suggestions are therefore being made that the present attitude of the Pope is inspired by a desire to create an anti-British movement in Malta with a view to assisting the Imperialistic ambitions of the present Italian Government. This may be a pure assumption, but at any rate we can safely say that under no circumstances will Malta be allowed to pass from the control of Great Britain. Malta is part of the British Empire and will remain part of it.

The history of Malta, indeed, shows little connection with Italy. The island of Malta, with the adjoining island of Gozo, was more closely connected in early centuries with the East than with Europe. A very large proportion of the population is Arabic in origin. Many of the European inhabitants are of French or Spanish descent. For a considerable period it was a feudal dependency of the kingdom of Sicily, but in 1530 it was definitely handed over to the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. It remained their Mediterranean home and possession for over two and a-half centuries. In 1798 it was invaded by Buonaparte when on his way to Egypt, and the French temporarily took possession. Two years later the Maltese revolted against French rule and called in the English to help them drive out the French. This was promptly done, and in 1814 Malta was definitely surrendered to England by the Treaty of Paris.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE.

Malta possesses one of the most splendid natural harbours in the world. We have established there a big naval station, and the island also serves as what may be called an acclimatisation station for troops on their way to the East. It lies on the direct line between the Straits of Gibraltar and the Suez Canal—almost midway between the two. All these three are vital points on the lines of our Imperial communications.

These considerations, however, though fundamental, are not immediate. The immediate trouble seems to have arisen out of purely local religious conflicts excited by the then pending elections. It is possible that the ultimate cause of the trouble is due to the attempt to plant a democratic constitution on a race of people unprepared for such an innovation. We may in fact be suffering in Malta, as in India, from the post-war mania for democratising the world. But in any case it is not the duty of the Vatican to interfere in local elections in other countries, and whatever party be in power in this country it is certain that such interference will not be permitted in Malta or in any part of the British Empire.

AFFAIRS IN CYPRUS.

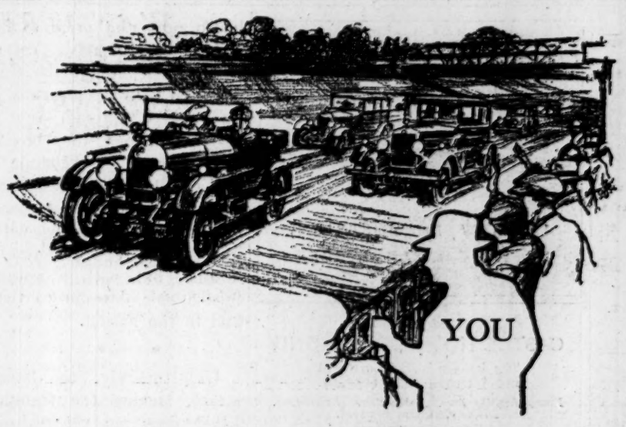
To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—I beg to be allowed to draw the attention of your esteemed journal to the grave blow that the liberty of the Press has just received from the Government in Cyprus by recent legislation.

It is provided, *inter alia*, in this new law that no newspaper shall be published without a special permit from the Government, in whose discretionary power it will absolutely rest to refuse to grant, or even to cancel, a permit; it is a condition that the proprietor shall not have been dismissed—for whatever reason—from the Government service; and heavy bonds with sureties are required, while numerous other stringent conditions are attached.

That a measure reviving such despotic restrictions of the past (long abolished even by most backward countries) should now be so unjustifiably introduced in a peaceful country under British administration is a matter for no little concern, not only to those interested in the intellectual and other progress of the island and the freedom of its inhabitants, but generally to all who have faith in British fairness and who cherish the liberty of the Press. ZENON ROSSIDES.

Cyprian Delegate's Office, Kensington.



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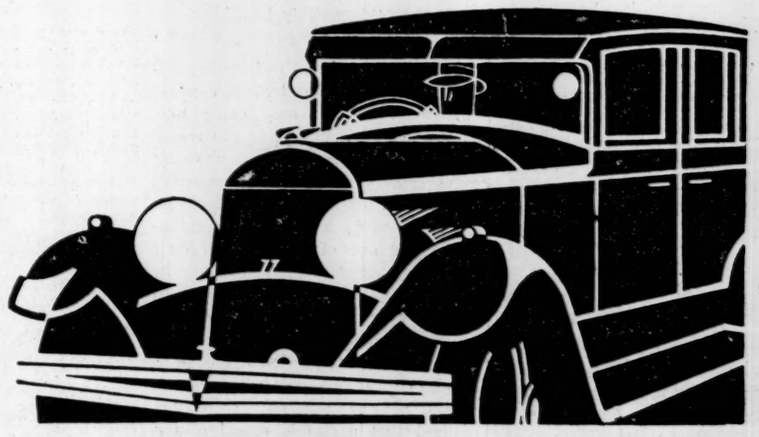

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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LORDS.

It is clear that the Government in its folly cannot abide the House of Lords, and is intent to reduce its prerogative and sphere of action to the lowest possible denominator. Otherwise it is inconceivable that, in the course of a single sitting in the Commons, they would have contumeliously rejected, almost en bloc, the careful and reasoned revision, lasting over several days, that the Upper House gave to the Coal Bill. The Peers had, for their part, treated the ill-conditioned measure with admirable moderation and good sense. They did not, as they might have done if they had been the unprincipled partisans that they are represented to be in Socialist harangues, throw it out incontinently, but accorded it a second reading with the intent that it should be revised and improved in Committee.

And revised and improved it was. It was, in Mr. Lloyd George's devastating description of it, "an incredibly bad Bill," and as the homely proverb has it, you cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear; but they brought their expert knowledge (which is much in excess of that of the Commons) and their business-like methods of procedure (which again the Commons might study with advantage) to bear upon it with the result that it was at least made intelligible and shipshape. A wise Government would have recognised the conciliatory nature of the Peers' amendments, and have effected a satisfactory compromise, but Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his colleagues are nothing if not autocratic in their methods, and so the amendments have been rejected one after another with hardly a pretence of serious consideration, and the Bill is once more "incredibly bad."

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From first to last the Government has handled the matter with gross ineptitude. When they came into office the coal industry, as the result of the Eight Hours Act, was showing some signs of returning prosperity, and wanted nothing so much as to be left alone to work out its own salvation. But one of the spate of rash promises that Labour had made in wooing the electorate was a return to the old hours, and though the Government would have relegated the fulfilment of that particular pledge to a more convenient season, the miners would not be put off. Ministers realised that a simple repeal of the Act was impracticable, but hoped that by gilding the pill to the coal-owners, the main opposition might be placated.

From the outset, however, it was evident that the measure was economically ill-conceived, that it would put the industry into leading-strings which would hamper efficient working and development, and that its inevitable effect would be to raise the price to home consumers of all kinds. Yet under the whip of the miners the Government persisted with the measure, and when its passage through the Commons became dubious, they bought off the opposition of the Liberals by adopting the latter's amalgamation proposals. So the Bill became a thing of shreds and patches, with no promise of any real betterment of conditions, but with a potentiality of incalculable damage to the industry and to the nation.

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Unfortunately, the man in the street, lacking the technical knowledge, does not yet realise how the Bill will affect him, or we might soon have an effective campaign against it. But if it passes into law, he will soon learn that he will have to foot the bill, and that very heavily, for the meddling and muddling of the Government. Not only will he have to pay more for his coal, and a hearthstone tax be added to the burdens that already weigh down his shoulders, but the Bill will raise costs all round. The many industries which use coal, and which have had a stiff fight to maintain their existence against the keen foreign competition, will be called upon to pay more for their coal, so that the foreigner may get his more cheaply. A rise in the cost of coal means a rise in the costs of production, a decrease of sales, and a consequent increase in the number of unemployed. Nor will the coal industry itself be benefited. After years of depression, accentuated by politically engineered strikes, it was just finding a bit of blue sky again when it was once more plunged into disquiet and uncertainty. What prospect is there for enterprise when it is to be put into a strait-waistcoat, and a new army of officials is to supervise its operations?

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What answer the Peers will give to the curt action of the Government will, of course, be a matter of grave deliberation, for which, fortunately, a breathing space is afforded by the opportune arrival of the Whitsuntide recess. If the Lords decide to stand on certain of their amendments it cannot be contended, even by their most hostile critics, that they would do so without reasonable and sufficient cause. It is notorious that the figures of the division lists in the House of Commons on this measure have not represented the actual opinion of the assembly, as, e.g., on the district levy, the elimination of the organisation Commission and the "spread-over" of hours, and that the Government have only been able to secure their majorities by a corrupt bargain with the Liberals. If in these circumstances Lord Salisbury and his colleagues refused to submit to the dictation of a minority Government, it would be idle to ascribe their action to mere die-hard antagonism. Their firmness might result in a crisis, but it would be a crisis they had not provoked, and they would face it with the serene courage of men who were deeply conscious of the responsibilities of their position, and were concerned only for the national well-being.

THE EVE OF THE REPORT.

On Tuesday the nation will become acquainted with the contents of one of the most momentous documents in its recent history. Part I. of the Simon Commission's Report is to be published on that day, and although it will be confined to a survey of Indian conditions which form the basis of the Commission's recommendations, and those recommendations will not themselves be made known until Part II. is published on June 24, yet this first part will be indispensable to everyone who wishes to understand and form a judgment upon the actual conclusions of the Commission. The average Englishman is possessed of an invincible ignorance about India and Indian affairs; to which defect he adds the worse one of indifference. No one who really cares for his country and its future in relation to the Empire can any longer afford to neglect this vital problem—the most vital, despite the fact that outside specialist circles it is so little understood, that has confronted this nation since the dark days of the war.

How important the problem is the events of the last few months in India have shown. Things have not improved with time. Disturbances and violence, though unrelated, have been widespread, and the "sort of war" now being fought between British regiments and Air Force units and Afridi raiders on the North-West Frontier is a reminder—for Indians no less than for ourselves—that there are always forces ready to take advantage of a troubled situation. The latest news from this quarter is not reassuring; on the contrary, it is definitely more grave. Despite what is clearly a severe censorship there is evidence that the position in the neighbourhood of Peshawar has grown more ugly; meanwhile the development of the boycott campaign is beginning to have unpleasant economic effects.

Such is the atmosphere in which the Report of the Commission is awaited. Until its full contents are known, and for long afterwards, there must continue to be deep anxiety. Upon what it recommends will largely depend the attitude of Indian opinion, moderate and more extreme, towards participating in the Round Table Conference in October. And as our Diplomatic Correspondent points out elsewhere to-day, the ultimate decisions of the British Government regarding the future of India must be materially based on the conclusions, unanimously reached, of the Statutory Commission, and therefore what the Report contains must profoundly influence the course of events between now and October and the tone of the deliberations then. The Viceroy is pursuing a policy of firmness—witness his two recent and very stringent Ordinances—combined with continued efforts to stimulate the forces of co-operation: the only wise policy in the circumstances. We cannot put back the clock ten years, and to suggest that we can is doing no good service to the nation or the Empire. We must go forward, carefully and resolutely, on the path on which we have set out; and the only hope of reaching the end of it successfully is to maintain law and order without flinching while at the same time working with the utmost diligence and patience to win over reasonable Indian opinion to an honourable compromise.

THE GOVERNMENT AND PALESTINE.

It is to be hoped that the Government will put itself right with the Mandates Commission and with the world by voluntarily withdrawing the ban on Jewish immigration into Palestine. It has raised a storm of passionate protest in three continents, and we have enough difficulties on our hands already without setting the powerful international force of Jewry against us. Nor is there anything in the state of Palestine to justify the ban. There is no unemployment in the country (thanks mainly to the energy of Zionists in developing its resources), and the Palestine Government, in pursuance of its policy of only allowing immigration which can be readily absorbed into industry, had already issued the immigration licences which have been withdrawn.

The sequence of events has been extraordinary. First Jews are massacred in the national home, then a Commission goes out, and instead of fixing the immediate responsibility, strays outside its terms of reference and blames the Mandate, Jews, and everyone but the murderers. Then the Home Government instead of throwing the slovenly and biassed report into the wastepaper basket, proceeds to act on two of its suggestions about immigration and land purchase, and finally it proceeds to hang up the Mandate altogether until someone else has reported. The record is one to make not only Jews indignant but all who are sensible about our international reputation. At all costs, the Government should reverse a ban which is doing us so much international injury.

NOTHING WRONG WITH CAMBRIDGE.

Recent deplorable but isolated occurrences have brought both Public Schools and the older Universities an unenviable meed of publicity; and as a consequence numbers of unthinking people have begun to talk in most extravagant terms. The deplorable affair at Cambridge, as a result of which an undergraduate, a police detective, and a don perished by violence, has started a totally unwarranted agitation against the "laxness" of university discipline and the "immorality" of undergraduate life. It was the same a few weeks ago when a sad fate overtook a young boy about to return to his Public School. Because he was said to have feared fagging there was an immediate outcry against the whole fagging system.

What is lamentably absent from controversies of this kind is any sense of proportion. The Cambridge affair, like the other, was a purely isolated instance, and plainly a quite abnormal one. Cambridge is naturally shocked and distressed at its occurrence, but there is no evidence whatever to support the view that the kind of activities indulged in by the central figure in the case was in any degree typical of the undergraduates as a whole or indeed of any measurable proportion of them. As well say, when a thief is apprehended, that the English are becoming a nation of thieves. Certain freedom must be allowed to undergraduates at a university; it is inherent in the system, and in fact part of the valuable training the life imparts, that young men should learn to look after themselves on leaving school and before going out into the world. When the system occasionally throws up an unfortunate who is not capable of adjusting himself to it—and how seldom this happens is surely a criterion of the rightness of the system itself—there is only folly in trying to make the exception appear to be the rule.

A DEATH UNMOURNED.

Public opinion has remained not merely unsurprised that there will be no Channel Tunnel, but also quite uninterested. There was never any real demand for the project outside a small well-defined group, and now that it has once more been turned down there are no tears. Far more impressive than the scheme itself are the arguments marshalled against it in the White Paper announcing the Government's decision. The cost would be enormous (even if the thing were feasible, which is not certain), the employment it would create almost negligible in proportion, the economic advantages nebulous. Added to which, there are strategic objections. These would not of themselves prove decisive, but since there are no clear economic advantages to be derived from the scheme the Government do not see the force of entering upon further defensive commitments.

Those who want to will continue to say that the Tunnel has been turned down by the soldiers, and that people who are afraid of the Tunnel are hopelessly behind the times. The charge, all the same, is absurd. Nobody is afraid of the Tunnel; it has been turned down, not by the soldiers, but by common sense. A little simple arithmetic and a little reasonable supposition regarding the future development of transport condemn it out of hand. It would do no harm; but what good would it do? Lord Balfour's phrase, quoted in the White Paper, about the ocean being our friend, is not really to the point: it is the air, at least as much as the ocean, that offers the true future alternative to the Tunnel.

THE POLITICAL MALAISE.

A PLEA FOR CLEAR THINKING AND PLAIN SPEAKING.

REALITIES MUST BE FACED.

By Sir Reginald Mitchell Banks, K.C.

After sitting in the House of Commons from 1922 until the last General Election I joined, for the time being, the politically unemployed. The position is not without its interest, for one finds oneself thinking of "the House" no longer as "we" but as "they"; and it makes, I find, a considerable difference in one's point of view. The sitting member is interested, if not thrilled, by the tactics of debate, he is impressed by somebody's wit and adroitness in the conduct of an all-night sitting, he is cheered or depressed by the success or failure of his party heroes in a brisk dialectic encounter with those of the other side, and he is apt to be vexed with the outsider for not appreciating the importance of these things. But the outsider cannot help it. He does not witness the warfare himself, he has not time to plough through Hansard, and he cannot fathom the technical considerations which prompt his leaders sometimes to advance, sometimes to retreat, and sometimes to evade an attack.

Public Listlessness.

No more real to him are these conflicts than the "aristeia" of the Homeric heroes in the mythical war of Troy. It may have been otherwise when the electors were fewer (more intelligent it may be), and certainly less absorbed in the awful struggle to pay their rates and taxes and also keep themselves alive. "What do 'they' really matter?" asks the elector; "they talk and they vote, but it never makes any difference to me."

I have never known a time, since I first took an interest in public affairs, when the plain man was quite so devoid of interest in the doings of Parliament, so much disposed to feel not only contempt for politicians, but a sort of despair about politics into the bargain. The utter futility of "Labour" pretensions has been plainly demonstrated and the unscrupulous opportunism of the Liberals is very distasteful to those who remember the proud independence of a Liberalism that has passed away.

Both these parties are daily more discredited, and, as a result, one would expect to see a revival of enthusiasm for the Conservatives. But, to be candid, I do not see many indications of such a revival as yet, and I cannot help thinking that a hopeless, helpless apathy is characteristic of the voters' outlook to-day.

Danger of Drifting.

If this continues we shall steadily drift into a lethargic condition in which extremists may well hope to seize command of the situation, and the actual collapse of Parliamentary Government itself may not be far off.

For when once the people have ceased to feel interest in and respect for any institution, it is a short step to its abolition, and the substitution of something—anything—which promises to grasp realities, to speak plainly, to function vigorously, whether it be a national variety of Mussolini or a national variety of the Soviet. We are face to face with very grim realities; and I pray that my party may have the courage to recognise them and to speak to the country, not in parliamentary jargon, but in simple comprehensible language.

Frankly, I find it difficult to understand what our case really is: and while an advocate may argue a good case or a bad case with some hopes of success, the one thing he obviously cannot argue is a case he does not understand. So many others are in the same position that I cannot think the fault is wholly in myself

I believe the vast majority of the electors have come to see that the weight of taxation is killing all of us. It depletes capital, it increases costs and prices, it is destroying not only the industrialist, but the lawyer, the doctor, the shopkeeper, and the artisan. I cannot believe that the honest worker who genuinely desires employment finds any pleasure in frustrating his own desires by paying to keep those who genuinely desire the dole and nothing else.

Economy and the School Age.

Economy or bankruptcy is the dilemma. Yet up to now we Conservatives have rather plumed ourselves on being even more lavish than our competitors. If our only policy were a plain, firm promise of retrenchment (to use the old word), and nothing else, it would command a surprising amount of support. I want to be told, clearly and unequivocally, whether we approve or oppose such extravagances as the raising of the school age to 15, with the consequent subsidies to parents, who would feel aggrieved if they were asked to make some sacrifice for the benefits it is alleged will be conferred. This extra year of education is either a benefit or it is not. If it is not a benefit, why support it? If it is a benefit, why should those who receive it be compensated as though it were an injury? We cannot afford it, in any case, for, beneficial or not, it is a luxury and not a necessity for people in our present unfortunate position. If we think so, we should say so.

I select this merely as an example of the nebulous region in which our minds appear to dwell.

The Naval Treaty.

Passing to another sphere, I am equally puzzled by the Conservative attitude towards the Naval Treaty. If we really think, as a great many Conservatives quite clearly do, that Britain has made a thoroughly bad bargain, and definitely endangered her position as an island depending for her existence on sea-borne food and sea-borne goods, let us say so. Let us openly denounce the Treaty and oppose its ratification. It may be the Party thinks otherwise. If so, let us equally openly proclaim that the bargain has our approval as the best obtainable in the circumstances, and that the monetary saving is so important that some risks may well be taken to secure it. In fact, there is a babble of discordant voices of disapproval and eulogy; and an utterly futile party motion to refer the question to a Select Committee! We have made a Parliamentary "sham fight" over a question which, above all others, should be treated with sincerity and courage.

India and Dominion Status.

Again, do we really mean to support proposals to confer "Dominion Status" upon India in the near future? Here again is need for plain speech, but it is left for unofficial persons to use it. Truly it would be unfair to prejudice ourselves on the question of the Simon Report until we know what proposals that report will make. But we do not need to wait for any report to pass a judgment on such a question as that The Viceroy did not wait, and why should we?

The whole lamentable position in India to-day has been produced because nobody, for a generation past, has had the pluck to speak plainly to the Indian politician. We have given him occasion after occasion to rebuke us for raising hopes that every sensible man knows can never be realised. If we believe "Dominion Status" for India (a very ambiguous phrase) to be nonsense, as it certainly is, what justification is there for talking about it as though it were a practical proposal? Realities have got to be faced both by our Indian fellow-subjects and ourselves. We have a chance of working well together if we speak the truth in plain terms, but no chance at all if we bemuse both ourselves and them by pompous pronouncements which leave facts out of account and mean anything or nothing as the audience chooses.

Empire Free Trade.

And finally we have been talking about "Empire Free Trade" for years. How many speeches have I made and listened to on that subject! In what glowing terms have we described the resources of the Empire to our meetings, how often we have told them that the Empire should be a great economic unit, as it is a great spiritual unit, and so on and so forth. And then Lord Beaverbrook takes us at our word, and instantly we seek refuge in compromise and equivocation. Mr. Baldwin hoped to solve the difficulty by the expedient of the Referendum. But who will say to-day that it has been solved?

We have, in our party now, very prominent members who are not prepared to move an inch beyond an extremely modest measure of safeguarding, and never will move, whatever a Referendum may disclose. We have others who openly express their contempt for the device and support the full policy of the "Crusade."

That nobody likes the Referendum I am firmly convinced. It is, moreover, impossible to foresee what dangerous use may be made of a new Constitutional instrument which has never been tried in this country, but which is clearly repugnant to our traditional ideas of Parliamentary responsibility. It might well prove the death-blow of a system already shaken by those causes to which I have already alluded. But above all it will be regarded, I fear, as another example of that tendency to shirk all clear decisions and firm judgments, without which there can be no inspiration in our appeals.

I hope the position may be really more cheerful than it appears. I do, indeed, realise what difficulties the present situation in Parliament presents to my leaders. I value loyalty as the noblest of qualities, and I would do nothing to add to the embarrassments with which they have to contend. But I feel, like many others, that a great opportunity (possibly the last opportunity) of restoring the credit not only of the party but of Parliament itself may be lost, unless realities are faced, all equivocation and hesitation abandoned, and a message given to us in tones of greater simplicity, courage, conviction, and consistency.

A Ternary for Whitsuntide

By KATHLEEN LEE.

Silver and gold the daisies lie
Beneath the blue and silver sky
And watch the angels sailing by.

Each buttercup with shining face
Reflects the sun's anointing grace
And glory in a little space.

Beauty—begotten holiness
Flows through the limped air to bless
Alike the greater and the less.

And though we may not see the Dove
Amongst the birds that sing above,
Yet they declare to us God's love.

And in the wind that wanders free
Across the flowery meadows, we
May feel His secret mystery.

O Lord of Life, at Whose behest
The fields with loveliness are drest,
Let us Thy children too be blest.

Quicken our languid hearts' desire,
Inflame us with Thy heavenly fire,
And with Thy light our souls inspire.

THE BEAUTIES THAT REMAIN.

WHEN THE TRAMP GOES TRESPASSING.

By SIR JOHN FOSTER FRASER.

I am an old tramp who hates the new arterial ways and all those noisy, bumptious motor-cars, with drivers who regard walkers as folk with no intelligence, and therefore no rights. Whenever I see a notice, "Trespassers will be Prosecuted" nailed on a tree within a slice of woodland, that is the path I want to pursue, and generally do. I've been trespassing for forty years, but I've never been prosecuted. Maybe half a dozen times I've been asked where I was going, and once—a quarter of a century back—on a Derbyshire moor I was ordered to clear out by a gamekeeper because I was likely to disturb the grouse; but our argument led to a village pub., the Shepherd's Rest, where the gamekeeper didn't mind if he had a pint, and good health to you, sir!

My experience as a vagabond, preferring a hillside track to the finest and broadest and most polished tarmac'd highway in the land, and a stroll through a flower-decked wood to any of the glories Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens can display, is that landowners and farmers are decent fellows who do not mind you jumping their fences and crossing their land so long as you are doing no damage. They have a cheery good-day and a comment about how long the rain will hold off; and if I go down by the hedge bottom, and cut along the copse side, I'll find a path that'll lead across the common to the Crooked Billet, where, maybe, I'll get some bread and cheese and a tankard of cider. . . . It is well to record this, because from what I've been reading in the newspapers, one would pick up the idea all paths are being closed with barbed wire, and all big-wigs who have palatial mansions object to common folk resting on the downs and having a bit of a picnic—which is nonsense.

VANDALS ON HOLIDAY.

But I've got to say that if I were the owner of a beautiful estate—instead of only a man who sits on a stile smoking a pipe, and loving the yellowed meadows and the wild roses in the hedgesides—I'd often get as mad as blazes, stop all the footpaths with stakes and barbed wire, and never let the general public come on to my property. I've come across lots of closed paths and barbed wire in my time, and whilst I've muttered the customary curse, I've often wondered whether this has not been done because of hooliganism on the part of the public whose "rights" it seems to be the popular thing to champion just now.

For I've seen members of our estimable public on holiday. Many of them are all right and considerate, just as many landowners are all right and pleased to have other folk enjoy themselves. But there is the scallywag minority, free-born Britons who are as good as anybody else and a lot better, who do not feel they are having a good time unless breaking hedges, chivvying cattle, ramping and bawling through woods, gathering clumps of wild flowers, and then often throwing them away because they are too much bother to carry, snatching branches of lilac that may be hanging over the village street from somebody's garden, impudently taking other people's flowers, disturbing the calm of hamlets with hullabaloo, jollifications outside inns, blaring horns and waving streamers, leaving a mess of luncheon litter where they have been picnicking, and maybe winding up with a jamboree of bottle smashing—of course, every hale man wants to exclude such creatures from desecrating his land.

THE BUNGALOW DWELLER.

Lots of folk are working to arouse consciousness about preserving rural England. That is fine. No doubt it would be artistically charming if all the countryside were reposeful and all the dwellings were picturesque early-seventeenth century. However, we happen to be living in the twentieth century. If we tell the crowd, the proletariat, how much better it is to live in the freshness of the country than in fetid cities, we must not get angry if the crowd follows our advice. And it seems natural in these days of swift motor-omnibuses and tin lizzies and motor-bicycles that these common folk should make for the prettiest, breeziest spots they know, instead of trekking toward the unattractive stretches where the gentry won't go.

It would be nice if the democracy could live in fine old mansions abutting on the downs, or in cosy Georgian houses, flower-entwined, that one comes across in lush valleys, for then there would be no outcry. I abominate the raw, red-bricked, jerry-built houses which in innumerable thousands pimple the torn sides of wooded slopes, and I should be sorry to think I should ever be found dead in one of those splay-footed bungalows that squat like ugly toads along the ridge of many a hill. . . .

Possibly the people who inhabit these weird places would have preferred to own an old mansion with an unrestricted view across a sun-soaked vale, and write letters to the daily papers about how distressed they are at the encroachment of the vulgar mob upon sylvan glories which should be preserved. But what are these mob people to do? For possibly also they have a love for beautiful scenery—that is why they come—and have had to borrow money from a building society—maybe they are grateful, and even happy, to have a raw brick house or a bungalow, because at last they are living in the country and near God's beauty!

WORK FOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

We are always talking about a more strenuous development of our agricultural areas; and to make this piece in with the desire to preserve the peace and the old-timeness of rural England sometimes seems difficult. So I suppose that whilst we must be go-ahead, we should combine with our efforts an artistic and scenic appropriateness.

There is room for improving taste. The first folk to be sent to school should be members of our rural district councils. When they have a glimmering that beauty and utility can be good companions, Parliament should give them more power to hinder the disfigurement of their districts, to restrain the barbarian tastes of young men who set up petrol stations—shrieking from vivid and violent tin plates the merits of different brands of oil—to indicate to unimaginative local builders how to build without outraging amenities, maybe to point out to villagers the inadvisability of throwing broken

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glass, old cans, and general rubbish in the hedgeside; perhaps to give an eye to recalcitrant, careless motorists, followed by the exercise of authority if a landowner would deprive people of rights of way, because he considers short-cutters or countryside loungers like myself a nuisance. It is a long programme, I know; some of it may be realised before the twenty-first century comes along.

Many societies, national and otherwise, peg away to check the vandals and educate the vulgar. Nice old ladies and gentlemen must go more comfortably to heaven when they have left sums of money to purchase furze-flushed heaths where children may play and their elders laze half a day away.

REPLY TO THE PESSIMISTS.

. . . I know hundreds of miles of walks, narrow lanes, ribbon paths across fields, winding ways through beech woods, and no one says nay to me. It will take a long, long time before England is made as unattractive as the pessimists of the pen say it already is. It is still radiant with wild flowers and the song of larks and thrushes—I've no use for that persistently monotonous lad the cuckoo: a morning with him is irritating—and Whitsuntide, when young summer is as sweet and gay as a girl, is the hey-time of the sentimental tramp.

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FULL STORY OF CAROL'S BID FOR A THRONE.

DRAMATIC AIR DASH FROM PARIS TO BUCHAREST.

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POLITICAL SCHEMING TO BRING BACK ROYAL EXILE.

The SUNDAY TIMES is able to publish to-day from its Special Correspondent the full story of Prince Carol's return to Rumania, and of the events that led up to the most daring and audaciously planned *coup d'état* Europe has seen since the war.

Telegraphing late last night, our Special Correspondent announces that the Rumanian Cabinet has resigned owing to its inability to agree upon whether Prince Carol should be offered the Crown or merely the Regency. M. Mironescu, the Foreign Minister, who was invited to form a new Cabinet, did so in a brief space of time. To-day the National Assembly will meet, and it is regarded as not improbable that it will proclaim Prince Carol as King.

PRINCE NICHOLAS'S SHARE IN THE PLOT

From the Special Correspondent of the SUNDAY TIMES.

RUMANIAN FRONTIER,
Saturday.

After five years' exile, in defiance of the Dethronement Law imposing a ten years' minimum of exile, and as the result of a daring *coup d'état* brilliantly planned by M. Maniu, the Premier, Prince Carol, leaving Paris secretly by aeroplane on Thursday, flew to Munich, and from there proceeded by the same aeroplane to Kluj, which he reached last evening. On arrival, he with two supporters, MM. Dimitrescu and Gatoski, was welcomed by Rumanian Flying Corps officers.

The Prince, who himself wore Rumanian flying uniform, entered a Rumanian aeroplane and flew to Bucharest. On landing at 10 p.m. he motored to the Cotroceni Palace, where, by the Government's orders, a regiment awaited him. By torchlight, the troops marched past the returned exile, who took the salute. Amidst deafening cheers of the soldiers, the Prince re-entered the Cotroceni Palace, from which the late Jonel Bratianu secured his expulsion five years ago. The Prince was met at the gate by his brother, the Regent, Prince Nicholas, who embraced him and kissed him affectionately.

The Government declares that perfect order is maintained throughout the country, but the strictest censorship has been imposed.

All-Night Council.

As the Chamber was debating the Legal Reform Bill at a late sitting, the Under-Secretary for the Interior entered hastily and whispered to the Minister of Justice, who rose and said: "Gentlemen, Prince Carol of Rumania has just returned to his country by aeroplane." The majority of the Government supporters began to cheer, and the sitting was suspended.

Before Prince Carol had even landed at Bucharest all communication with foreign countries was severed. At 9 p.m. a Cabinet Council began, which lasted with interruptions throughout the night. Previously M. Maniu was received in audience by Prince Carol at the Cotroceni Palace At midnight the leaders of the Liberal Opposition, which for some months absented itself from Parliament as a protest against the Government's methods, met at the house of M. Duca, ex-Minister of the Interior. It is significant that the Liberal leader, M. Vintila Bratianu, the bitterest enemy of Prince Carol, was absent. No announcement of the Liberal attitude has yet been made. The Executive Committee reassembled at 10 o'clock this morning.

Reported Flight of Bratianu.

It is reported that M. Bratianu has retired and fled the country, and that, under the leadership of M. Duca, the Liberals, who, though aware that some plot was afoot, were completely surprised by the suddenness with which M. Maniu has struck, will accept the situation with a mild protest, and to moderate the enormous prestige which M. Maniu will have with the Prince, will demand his resignation, offering to accept Prince Carol as Regent if a Government of national concentration, including themselves and M. Maniu's party, is immediately formed under M. Titulescu, the Minister in London. M. Titulescu reached Bucharest four days ago in connection with the Prince Carol plot, and has since been in constant communication with the Government.

M. Maniu would accord the fullest consideration to such a proposal.

Success of Secret Campaign.

It is just a month ago that M. Vintila Bratianu, leader of the Opposition, and the most influential member of the trio of Prince Carol's sworn enemies, comprising Queen Marie, Prince Stirbey, and himself, as successor in the feud to his brother, the late Jonel Bratianu, learned that preparations to bring back the Prince had begun. Much alarmed, with his choleric impetuosity M. Bratianu launched a series of furious attacks on the Maniu Government in the many newspapers controlled by the vast Liberal funds, charging the Government with treason to the boy King in plotting to lift the Crown from his head and place it on the brow of his exiled father. In face of the gravity of these charges, the Government, to ensure the success of its schemes, abandoned its professions of democracy and liberty of the Press, and began wholesale confiscations of the Liberal organs and an unofficial censorship of foreign cables.

Day after day I saw squads of soldiers with rifles and bayonets marching one after the other to Liberal newspaper offices and surrounding them, while the State Attorney entered and seized for destruction every copy containing a reference to Prince Carol. The Liberals' resistance was weakened by the adroitness and secrecy of the Government's preparations. I had a

MME. LUPESCU.

PRINCE CAROL.

THE CROWN PRINCESS.

long conversation on the subject with M Duca, the brains of the Liberal Party, and ex-Minister of the Interior, who only knew that a prominent Carolist, M. Manoilescu. had seen Prince Carol, as M Duca believed, as an emissary of M. Maniu. "B ' we forced M. Maniu to declare in Parliament that the question of Prince Carol was settled, and that the Government would not tolerate the reopening of it," M. Duca told me. "We hope we have tied their hands."

Battle Behind the Scenes.

I saw many members of the Government, including M. Maniu. They confidentially told me what the Liberals little suspected: "Although at the moment the Carol question is not active, it the country should demand his return, we should have to reopen it." That was enough, coupled with the confidential statement to me of Prince Carol's intimate agent between Paris and Bucharest, that "within three months Rumania will be obliged to recall Carol," to show what was afoot.

For the last three weeks the battle behind the scenes has been raging furiously. Prince Carol had declared: "I will never return except in a royal train at the invitation of all parties." Though that has not been literally fulfilled, his supporters have been working feverishly for the last fortnight to ensure a general welcome for him.

Call for M. Titulescu.

A week ago a wealthy Liberal, M. Theodor Florescu, began a campaign in his newspaper *Omul Liber*, urging that, in view of impending developments M. Titulescu should form a National Government. This was, in effect, the disowning by the Liberals of M. Bratianu's anti-Carolist policy and an indication of their willingness to co-operate in establishing a new era. It was a sign of dawning wisdom on their part, for it was patent to every impartial observer that it was impossible for the country to support much longer the terrible economic crisis and the murderous party bitterness shown by M. Bratianu towards M. Maniu under such a weak Regency.

With Queen Marie and Prince Stirbey M. Bratianu left no stone unturned to discredit the National Government The Royal Family was divided. Prince Nicholas detests politics and the business of governing. He is a young man whose sole interest in life until recently was in motoring speed records. In his desire to surrender the irksome Regency to Prince Carol he recently summoned M. Bratianu and rated him soundly for supporting Queen Marie's anti-Carolist campaign. Of the other two Regents, the Patriarch Miron Christeda is old and feeble, while M. Saratzeanu is merely M. Maniu's nominee.

Prince Nicholas's Bombshell.

The whole country had been expecting Prince Carol's return within the next few weeks, the delay being chiefly due to the internal struggle between the Nationalist wing and the Peasant wing of the National Peasant Party. The former, headed by M. Maniu and the Minister of the Interior, M. Vajda, desired Prince Carol to be invited to return as King. The

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Peasant wing, headed by the Minister of Finance, M. Madgearu, and the Minister of Agriculture, M. Mihalache, desired Prince Carol as Regent for his son.

A compromise was under discussion whereby Prince Carol would reign until the majority of King Michael and then abdicate, when Prince Nicholas threw a bombshell by declaring that he was determined to surrender the Regency by Whit-Sunday. The reason is stated to be a similar scandal to that which ostensibly led to Prince Carol's exile. Prince Nicholas is hopelessly in love with a Rumanian lady, a former Madame Savianu, who is at present in a Vienna nursing home, and whom he is determined to marry, in defiance of his mother's intrigues.

Queen Summons Family Council.

In a last effort to frustrate Prince Nicholas's determination to exchange rôles with Prince Carol, going into voluntary exile in Paris with the lady of his choice, Queen Marie summoned for Whitsuntide a Hohenzollern family council at Sigmaringen. In reply, Prince Nicholas delivered his own ultimatum, and told Prince Carol: "Everything is ready. The Army and nation await you. Return before Whitsuntide. My decision is irrevocable."

Princess Helen's Position.

The most critical period awaits Prince Carol's ex-wife, Princess Helen of Greece. Legally she is without rights over King Michael, as the sons of divorced parents belong to the father after they are six years old. But her divorce was a purely political measure agreed to by her reluctantly after years of pressure by Jonel Bratianu. Popular imagination hopes, as Prince Carol has announced that he has severed all relations with Mme. Lupescu, to see a denouement in a reconciliation after a decent interval and re-marriage. Rumania is not a country of the most rigid moral code, and Prince Carol's past only serves to ensure him a certain popularity with a large section, as a real Rumanian with real Rumanian weaknesses.

The Hungarian Throne.

In addition to his bid for the throne of Rumania, Prince Carol's name has also been involved in the attempt by the Hungarian Anti-Legitimists to revive the old scheme for the personal union of Hungary and Rumania. The Anti-Legitimists recently held a meeting behind closed doors, at which the present Minister of War, Herr Gamboes, spoke for two hours, and it was decided to seek a fresh Opposition candidate, since the Duke Albrecht, following the traditions of the Rumanian Royalties, had renounced the throne in order to marry the lady of his choice This candidate was found in Prince Carol.

Cabinet Resigns.

It was learned at a late hour this evening that the Cabinet has resigned owing to its inability to agree regarding the course to be followed in the circumstances caused by Prince Carol's return. The Regency Council has accepted the resignation, and the Foreign Minister, M. Mironescu, has been invited to form a Government.

M. Mironescu was able to form a new Cabinet in a very brief space of time with himself as Premier and Foreign Minister.

Tremendous excitement has prevailed all day in Bucharest, enormous crowds parading the streets and cheering "King Carol." The National Assembly, consisting of the Senate and Chamber, which was to have met to-day, has been postponed until to-morrow. It will decide regarding the revocation of the Act of Renunciation passed on January 4, 1926, which Prince Carol has broken by his return to the country.

The newspapers state, without Government contradiction, that proceedings have already commenced before the Courts for the annulling of Prince Carol's divorce. He is expected to-morrow to visit Princess Helen and the Boy-King Michael at the Chaussée Palace, on the other side of Bucharest.

QUEEN MARIE'S COMMENT.

"AS A MOTHER, I AM DELIGHTED."

NO OPPOSITION BY PRINCESS HELEN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

VIENNA, Saturday.

Queen Marie, on arriving in Vienna this morning, made a statement concerning Prince Carol's coup, showing that she is prepared to face bravely the thwarting of her determination to keep Prince Carol from returning.

After reading the Vienna papers reporting the enthusiastic reception of Prince Carol by the troops, and receiving further details from the Rumanian Charge d'Affaires, M. Zaborowski, Queen Marie said: "As a mother I am delighted to learn of the enthusiastic welcome accorded to the Prince. I will always be found at the side of my people."

It is believed in Vienna that Princess Helen, who attended the Toscanini concert here a fortnight ago, saw Prince Carol and agreed not to oppose his return. It is also stated, after leaving Paris on June 1, Prince Carol visited Sigmaringen and obtained the approval of the House of Hohenzollern to his projected coup.

THE CANCELLED PRESENTATION.

COURT ETIQUETTE EXPLAINED.

WEDDING RECORDS ENTRY.

OFFICIAL ATTITUDE.

The SUNDAY TIMES learns that no further statement regarding the cancellation of the presentation at Their Majesties' Court, on May 14, of Mrs. Christopher Courtney will in any circumstances be issued from the Lord Chamberlain's Department additional to that already made in the *London Gazette*.

That announcement was as follows:—

"Lord Chamberlain's Office,
"St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
"June 6, 1930.

"Notice is hereby given that the presentation of Mrs. Christopher Courtney at Their Majesties' Court on May 14 last has been cancelled."

No information was forthcoming yesterday in authoritative quarters as to the reason for the unusual course that has been taken in regard to Mrs. Courtney. From an authority on Court etiquette and procedure, however, it was learned that it is quite incorrect to assume, as is commonly assumed in these days, that the Victorian rule refusing permission for divorced persons to appear at Court has been revoked or relaxed. As a fact, neither divorcées nor bankrupts are received by Their Majesties, but the rule is not applied to innocent parties to divorce cases. Nor does the ban apply when a bankrupt has received his discharge.

In the marriage records Mrs. Courtney appears as "Constance May Rayson, formerly Greensill, spinster, aged 27, the divorced wife of Alexander Arnold Rayson."

The wedding of Captain Courtney and Mrs. Courtney (who was presented by the Hon. Lady Salmond, wife of Sir John Maitland Salmond, Marshal of the Royal Air Force) took place at Prince's Row Register Office on September 1, 1926, but a further ceremony took place at the Savoy Chapel.

Captain and Mrs. Courtney are visiting in the country for the week-end.

BEAR RAIDS ON WALL STREET.

FEARS OF BUSINESS DEPRESSION.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Accumulating signs of business depression caused heavy liquidation on the Stock Market to-day, and prices of the leading issues broke 1 to 7 points.

U.S. Steel, the market bellwether, touched a new low level for the year, and losses were recorded all down the list, ranging up to 10 points. The epidemic of dividend reductions and omissions of the past week has had a gloomy effect on Wall Street, and "bear" traders, aided by this conviction, were able to make a series of vicious and successful raids to-day. The continued uncertainty regarding the pending Tariff Bill and its probable effects upon the country's exports is another factor which discourages hope of any immediate improvement in the stock market or business generally.

Wall Street report, page 3.

MR. MACDONALD'S ADVENTURE.

EXCITING AIR TRIP TO SCOTLAND.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald arrived at Lossiemouth for a short holiday in the early hours of yesterday after an exciting journey from London.

The aeroplane was signalled down at Leuchars (Fife) on Friday on account of bad weather reports from the north, and after nearly four hours' delay the journey was resumed at 6.30 in the evening. After half an hour's flying the plane was forced to return to the aerodrome at Leuchars, and the Prime Minister had to finish the rest of his journey by road.

He set out by motor-car shortly before eight, and he reached The Hillocks, his Lossiemouth residence, at eight minutes to two in the morning.

In answer to a question, Mr. MacDonald said: "Yes I had quite a few adventures." Miss Ishbel MacDonald was very anxious as to her father's safety, and sat up the whole evening waiting for him to arrive.

SIR FRIEDRICH ECKSTEIN.

Sir Friedrich Eckstein was stated to be a little weaker last night.

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POLITICAL NOTES

THE MINISTERIAL RE-SHUFFLE.

LABOUR & PROTECTION

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

The Ministerial re-shuffle has evoked some mild comment in Government circles, where alone there is any real interest in them. The new Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Vernon Hartshorn, did not cut any ice as Postmaster-General in the administration of 1924. In his present post he has only an indirect association with unemployment, but the Prime Minister is understood to expect him to furnish initiative and special enterprise in the matter. Mr. Shinwell was at the Mines Department in 1924, and has been anxious to return there. His efficiency will hardly be disputed, but his relations with the Trades Unions are at times rather edgy, and that is an important consideration in a post in which he must necessarily be in constant touch with the Miners' Federation. Captain Sanders's promotion is generally approved, for he is one of the ablest members of the party and personally popular.

Dr. Addison is one of the ex-Liberals who have found their new pastures very refreshing. He is credited with advanced views on agriculture, and is believed to be attracted by the scheme for import boards, which would raise far more difficulty at home and abroad than its supporters imagine. The suggestion that Mr. E. F. Wise would receive preferment was without foundation. In spite of his Civil Service experience, he has from the first associated himself with the extremists, and is regarded in Ministerial circles as the *fons et origo* of much of the recent troubles in that quarter. To have rewarded his recalcitrance with office would have provoked a storm among the rank and file.

The Unemployment Position.

Convinced as they are that the trade depression has not yet reached its lowest depth, and that the unemployed figures will continue to mount, Ministerialists in general are relieved by the migration of Mr. Thomas to the Dominions Office, where, incidentally, it is anticipated he will repeat the success he made in 1924. The association of Mr. Thomas and the Prime Minister in the handling of unemployment has all along given the shrewder ministerialists no little anxiety, for the mastering and certainly not the effective presentation of a problem is not the long suit of either. Now the work will be entrusted to a Cabinet Committee who will meet very week, and it is also understood that the Civil Service personnel will be organised on larger lines—in short that there will be a systematic attack on the problem.

Liberal Co-operation.

Of course, it all depends on the co-operation of the Liberals. Mr. Lloyd George has promised co-operation in an agricultural programme; plans for similar joint action on unemployment are far advanced; and if the Liberal leader can command the support of his followers, Parliamentary Liberalism will be increasingly identified with the Government on two of the most urgent subjects before the country. It may be that the co-operation will extend to the fiscal issue, in which case, apart from electoral reform, most of the immediately controversial field would be covered.

First Steps to Protection.

What form will the more drastic steps for unemployment take? It is known that influential forces are trying to persuade the Government to recommend some form of Protection. Here and there there are whispers of a simple tariff for revenue purposes, with suggestions that the proceeds should be used partly to stimulate agriculture and partly to encourage the re-equipment of industry. Others are still urging that the Government should decide in favour of a quota of British wheat for the loaf. Much depends on what the co-operation with the Liberals brings. If the latter adhere rigidly to Free Trade principles—and it is noted that on that subject Mr. Lloyd George has recently been more definite than he has been for many years—the Government presumably could not entertain any of these proposals. For certain Ministers that might be the more convenient solution. But numerous Liberal members are just as uneasy. Most of them would support a duty on bounty-fed oats, and if that *premier pas* were taken, many others would be remarkably simple.

The Land Valuation Bill.

The last act of the Government before the Whitsuntide recess was to introduce the Land Valuation Bill, about which there has been so much expectation. The measure owes its inception to the private talks between Mr. Snowden and Mr. Lloyd George, both of whom are old enemies of inflated rural values, and there can be no question that the Bill in question will go quite as far as the famous resolutions of the People's Budget. One suspects a subtle purpose behind the introduction at the present time, and that it is designed to pick a quarrel with the Peers. Mr. MacDonald is bent upon trying to short-circuit critics such as Sir Oswald Mosley by drawing the red herring of another issue across the track, and hopes to reunite his party by challenging the position of the House of Lords.

Overloaded.

Very soon after the Recess the Government will have to lighten its programme for the session. If the House is to be up by the end of July, there are only seven weeks left, and there must necessarily be a lightening of the overloaded programme. The Coal Mines Bill is not yet out of the way, and the prospect of other controversial measures, e.g., those for raising the school age and repealing the Trade Dispute Act, are decidedly faint, unless the session is prolonged far into August. It is likely, therefore, that, despite their undertakings, the Government will be compelled to postpone both measures to a more convenient season.

DONINGTON HALL.

WAR PRISONERS CAMP AS SHOW PLACE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DERBY, Saturday.

Donington Hall, Derbyshire, which was used as a prisoners of war camp for German officers during the war, is being thrown open to the public as a show place.

The tunnel, made by two German officers who escaped from the Hall, has been cleared out again and the exit, some distance from the mansion in the grounds, is railed off for people to see. The tunnel can still be negotiated by people of moderate proportions, provided they are prepared to wriggle at certain points.

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HIS ONLY LOVE POEM.

SIR JAMES BARRIE'S CONFESSION.

GIRL WITH VENUS FACE.

Sir James Barrie was yesterday made a Freeman of his native place of Kirriemuir (Thrums), and he presented a new sports pavilion, in the tower of which is a camera obscura, to the town.

After taking the oath as Freeman, Sir James was presented by the Provost with the Burgess ticket in a silver casket, which bore on its sides replicas of Peter Pan and the new pavilion. "I can assure you," said the Provost, "that this casket contains not only the Burgess ticket, but the heart of Kirriemuir."

Responding, Sir James, after thanking the citizens, said: "In London I have a native of Kirriemuir living with me. He is a Kirriemuir canary and we often talk together about what he irreverently calls 'the old place.' He said to me before I left, 'What I chiefly want to know is whether you are going to say anything about me and whether the audience cheered me.' (Cheers.) Thank you, I shall tell him."

Sir James also referred to an occurrence many years ago, when an Edinburgh University student might have been seen outside Kirriemuir post-office undecided whether to post a letter or not. "At last he dropped it in and disappeared," said Sir James. "I was that student, and the letter contained the only love poem I ever wrote. It was addressed to a lady in Kirriemuir. I was shy and did not sign it, and I have no reason to believe she ever had the least knowledge from whom it came. I never spoke to her, but I can remember the first two lines. It began:

'Is Venus dead?
Methinks she must have left to you her face.'

"She had a name of the kind that Wordsworth loved. Her name was . . . and now is not this sad? Just as I was going to tell the name I find we must proceed to the next item on our programme."

After the freedom ceremony the company adjourned to the Hill, where Sir James handed over the pavilion.

Full report of Sir James Barrie's speech, page 15.

KIDNAPPED PARTY.

SAFE RETURN OF TWO BRITISH OFFICERS.

QUETTA, Saturday.

Captain and Mrs. Frere, who were kidnapped by Achakzai raiders from over the border on the Quetta-Chaman road last Wednesday, arrived safely at Chaman last evening.

Major Farley and the two Indian drivers of the motor-cars in which the party was travelling at the time of their capture arrived there this morning.

The whole party are well, though Mrs. Frere is feeling the effects of her experience. —*Reuter.*

HENDON AIR CRASH.

LADY NEWBOROUGH'S SON INJURED.

Mr. George Villiers, aged 33, of Homington House, Salisbury, was killed, and Mr. Henry Winch, aged 24, son of Lady Newborough, was seriously injured in an aeroplane crash near the R.A.F. aerodrome at Hendon last night. The 'plane was a "civil" machine.

It fell in a field adjoining Hendon Aerodrome and near Watling Street Estate, and narrowly missed a girl. The engine was buried in the earth, and the wings were buckled. Mr. Villiers received multiple injuries, from which he died, and his companion had a leg broken.

A patient in Colindale Hospital, which is near the scene, stated that the machine was flying low and that it dipped too suddenly and disappeared behind trees. The crash followed.

Dr. Houghton, of the hospital staff, went to the scene in his car, and with nurses from the hospital rendered first aid.

LONG DISTANCE FLIGHT ATTEMPT.

PLYMOUTH TO BASRA.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PLYMOUTH, Saturday.

Just before 8 o'clock this morning two Southampton flying boats of No. 203 Squadron left Mount Batten air station on a long-distance flight. Their destination is Basra.

They were under the command of Squadron-Leader E. W. Bentley. The officers making the trip are Flight-Lieut. W. J. Budda Langlois, Flight-Lieut. A. P. Revington, Pilot Officer G. Barrett and Pilot Officer F. R. Drew.

AFRIDI REBELS REPULSED.

5,000 BOMBS ON TRIBESMEN.

HEAVY CASUALTIES

SERIOUS RIOTING IN BENGAL.

The Afridi raiders who advanced within a mile of Peshawar have now been driven back with complete success by British troops. Heavy casualties were caused among the raiding party, which appears to have been driven entirely from the district. During the week no fewer than 5,000 bombs have been dropped on the rebel tribesmen on the N.W. Frontier.

During a riot in a Bengal village two police sub-inspectors and four constables were attacked by hostile villagers. The constables' uniforms, arms, and ammunition were removed, and both the sub-inspectors are missing, one being reported dead. Owing to the serious situation in the Midnapore district, the Bengal Inspector-General of Police has left Calcutta with reinforcements.

R.A.F. PURSUIT.

BOMBS RAINED ON RETREATING FORCE.

PESHAWAR, Saturday.

The operations against the *lashkar* of Afridis who advanced recently to within almost a mile of the town have been entirely successful.

The raiders sustained many casualties during a drive by British troops through the villages of the Mohmand and Khalil country.

Isolated parties retreating across the Kajuri Plain were heavily bombed from the air.

A careful search was conducted in the area south-west of Peshawar yesterday, but the troops failed to find any stragglers. The entire *lashkar* [force] has apparently withdrawn from the district.

It is understood that the guns have been freely used when necessary, since Monday, against the tribesmen. Eighty aeroplanes have been engaged from time to time, and have dropped altogether 5,000 bombs.—*Reuter.*

RAIDERS BROKEN UP

HEAVY TRADE LOSSES IN BOMBAY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

The most disturbing news from anywhere in India this week has been the position on the frontier, and though Press correspondents there are apparently subject to censorship, the brief news filtering through official channels from Simla has been grave enough to turn all thoughts northwards.

Thousands of armed trans-frontier Afridis have been roaming round Peshawar, blocking roads, felling trees, and destroying culverts in a systematic manner; and there has already been serious fighting between the Bara and Kohat roads, with some casualties—not stated.

It was fortunate that the Khalil and Mohmand villagers refused to join the strong *lashkar* [force] of Afridis which crossed the border with the avowed intention of attacking the Peshawar cantonments, for apparently only this refusal caused the tribal army to break up under our attacking drive.

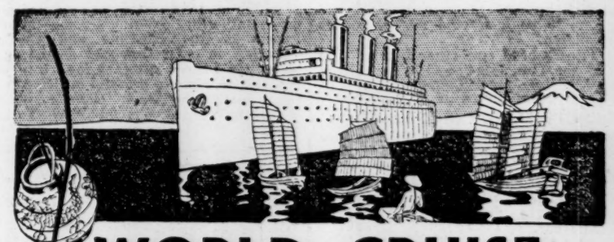
THE VICEROY'S TOUR.

This cannot be called a seasonal disturbance, for the tribesmen have been quiescent now for a long period; while not many months ago the Viceroy toured the frontier and the impression then given was that the tribespeople were quiet.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn's assurance, in the House of Commons yesterday, that the Government of India's resources for the preservation of external, as well as internal, peace are sufficient, proves a very necessary reassurance to India itself, in view of the week's events at Peshawar and Quetta.

Meanwhile the cost of the civil disobedience campaign, financially and industrially, is beginning to be counted, and Bombay, which has been at a low ebb, due to strikes at the mills, for many months, is now feeling the pinch acutely. Many large firms are dismissing their employees because of the lack of work.

Bombay's prosperity is based on cotton, and here the bottom has dropped out of the market, the decision of the brokers not to transact business causing a fall to absurdly



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low figures. But even at these figures speculators are so nervous of the political tension that they are afraid to buy, while, despite the Viceroy's Ordinance forbidding picketing, even European cloth shops are still picketed to-day, along with the cloth bazaars.

To-day cotton prices are about sixty rupees below the United States parity, which means a heavy loss to the millions of poverty-stricken cultivators entirely dependent on these prices. There are not wanting people who will tell these cultivators that the Government is responsible; and general agrarian discontent in this continent of small-holdings is the worst possible thing that could happen.

Indian merchants of the Chamber met in camera last night, and decided to send to the Government of India the resignations of the Chamber's representatives, Sir Purshotamdai Thakurdas and Mr. Laljee Narainji, on the Legislative Assembly and the Bombay Council. They also decided to inform the Viceroy that the idea of sending a deputation from the Chamber to Simla has been dropped, owing to the political tension.

BENGAL RIOTS.

SERIOUS SITUATION AT MIDNAPORE.

CALCUTTA, Saturday.

A serious riot is reported to have occurred at Gheehnaghat, a village in the Dasour district of Midnapore, in which two police sub-inspectors and four constables were attacked by villagers and injured. The constables' uniforms, arms and ammunition were removed. Both the sub-inspectors are reported missing and one is stated to have died.

It is understood that seventeen men were injured as the result of police firing yesterday at Balisai, also in the Midnapore district. Fifteen hundred volunteers are reported to have assembled with the object of manufacturing contraband salt. A police party ordered the crowd to disperse, but they refused, and a lathi charge was made. This also proved ineffective and fire was opened.

The Inspector-General of Police, Bengal, left for Midnapore to-night with reinforcements in view of the fact that the situation in the district is becoming serious.—*Reuter.*

MUTINY CHARGE.

INDIAN COUNSEL'S APPEAL.

ABBOTTABAD (N.W. Frontier Province), Saturday.

The general court-martial on seventeen soldiers belonging to a company of the 2nd Battalion of the 18th Royal Garwhal Rifles who were charged with mutiny in refusing to obey orders during the Peshawar disturbances last month ended to-day.

The Court will send its recommendations to the officer in charge, Northern Command, Rawalpindi, and the result will probably be announced by Army Headquarters.

It is understood that there are forty-three riflemen of the same company in the lock-up on a similar charge.

At yesterday's hearing of the Parwhal Rifles case the accused, who were charged with refusing an order to proceed to Peshawar City, made a statement that up to 2 p.m. on the day in question they carried out orders. Between two and four Subedar Jai Singh (who had been reprimanded for not giving out rations properly) exercised his authority to persuade them not to obey orders, as an increment in his pay had been held back by Major Brunskill.

Counsel for the defence, Mr. Mukandi Lal, said that the only charge against the men was that they refused to go into lorries when ordered. They continued, however, to salute officers and surrendered their arms and ammunition without resistance. Therefore they could not be said to be mutinous. Actually the offence they committed was not even insubordination, as they were obeying the order given him by Subedar Jai Singh. Mr. Lal appealed emotionally to the Court to take into consideration that in the history of the Garhwalis' military service not a single case even of insubordination had occurred, the glorious record of the regiment during the war, and the peculiar circumstances in which the accused acted.

Colonel King, the prosecutor, said there was no doubt that all the accused joined the mutiny. The order was actually given by Captain Chappell to Subedar Jai Singh in the presence of the accused, and their refusal to comply meant a refusal to obey Captain Chappell's orders.—*Reuter.*

The Simon report will be published on Tuesday. The work of the Commission is reviewed on page 16.

LUDMILLA IN LONDON.

FRENCH ACTRESS OF SHAW PLAYS.

"Although I have played the part of 'St. Joan' no fewer than four hundred times, I have never met Mr. Shaw,," Ludmilla, the French actress, told a SUNDAY TIMES representative last night on her arrival in London with her husband, Mons. Pitoeff, for a three-weeks' season at the Globe Theatre.

"Both my husband and I are great admirers of Shaw," Ludmilla continued, "and it is with 'Saint Joan' that we shall open on Tuesday. Many of his other plays we have produced in Paris, among them being 'The Devil's Disciple,' 'Heartbreak House,' and 'Arms and the Man.' Next year we shall present 'The Apple Cart' in French in Paris."

Both Ludmilla and her husband are Armenian-Russians, and they always act together. Not only does M. Pitoeff take leading parts in the plays he produces, but he also designs the lighting and scenic effects and the costumes.

Although Ludmilla has paid only one previous visit to England, in her early girlhood, she speaks perfect English. She has had a varied and brilliant stage career, yet still finds time to be a devoted mother to her seven children.

The Pitoeffs have two other items, "The Lady of the Camellias" and "The Living Corpse," in their London programme.

DEPUTY MAYOR SUMMONED.

Brighton magistrates yesterday dismissed a summons against Alderman James Herbert Galliers, Deputy Mayor of Brighton and an electrical contractor, for failing to provide a guard rail and tow board to protect workmen engaged in reconstruction work on Brighton front.

Alderman Galliers was allowed 10 guineas costs.

£100 BETTING HOUSE FINE.

At North London Police Court yesterday Lorenzo Vercelli, aged 53, an Italian, of Blackstock Road, Finsbury Park, was fined £100, with 10 guineas costs, for keeping a betting house. Seven persons, of whom four were women, found on the premises when the police made the raid, were bound over.

COUPLE DEAD IN A FIELD.

The bodies of a man and woman whose throats had been cut were found yesterday in a field at Olton, on the outskirts of Birmingham.

They were identified as Henry Gore Hiskins, married, living in apartments in Trafalgar Road, Moseley, and Vera Maud Hambridge, stated to be a tynist, who lived with her people in Maryvale Road, Bournville.

BLINDED BY PEPPER.

Alexander Leask, 22, a waiter at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, who lives in Aliwal Road, near the tavern, was on his way to the bank yesterday to get change for £37 in notes when he was assaulted and robbed near a busy bus junction.

He went into a lavatory adjoining the Northcote Hotel, Northcote Road, and was followed by men, who threw pepper in his eyes and knocked him down. He was taken to the Bolingbroke Hospital with injuries to a leg.

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THE EPSOM MYSTERY.

SITE OF MURDER LOCATED.

VICTIM'S MISSING CLOTHES BURNED.

DRAMATIC SEQUEL EXPECTED.

Late last night it was learned that important developments have taken place in connection with the murder of Miss Agnes Kesson, the Scottish girl, whose body was found in a ditch on a lonely road at Epsom on Thursday.

The discovery, it was stated, was that her missing clothing—the tartan skirt, long navy blue coat and felt hat—was burned by her murderer, and the location of the actual spot where the crime was committed had at last brought Scotland Yard officers within a measurable distance of solving the mystery surrounding the tragedy.

CRIME RECONSTRUCTED.

In the light of valuable information which reached Scotland Yard last night the murder was reconstructed in a lonely spot off the Brighton Road, about six miles from Epsom. As the result of this reconstruction the site of the murder has been discovered.

The majority of the inquiries last night centred in the area of Burgh Heath, but earlier a surprise visit was paid to a racing establishment on Epsom Downs, where detectives took statements from a number of the staff. The police attach the greatest importance to a statement which was made to them by a person who lives not far from where they have been able to decide that the murder had been committed.

The police officers conducted their inquiries until a very late hour, and the result of these investigations is expected to have a dramatic sequel shortly.

SCOTLAND YARD APPEAL.

The following statement was officially circulated by Scotland Yard yesterday evening:—

With reference to Agnes Kesson, whose body was found at Epsom on the morning of June 5, reliable information has been received that the deceased girl was seen at Epsom Downs behind the number-board, immediately after the race for the Derby had been run, in the company of a man aged 27, 5 ft. 6 in. or 5 ft. 7 in. in height, well built, square shoulders, clean shaven, dark complexion, and dressed in a grey suit with trilby hat.

The police are anxious to interview him, and will be glad if he will communicate with the police at Epsom or any other police-station, as he may be able to assist in the inquiry.

The inquest on Miss Kesson will be held at Epsom, but the date has not yet been fixed. It is understood that the funeral of the murdered girl will also take place there.

SIR F. BLACK.

DISTINGUISHED CIVIL SERVANT'S DEATH.

Sir Frederick Black, K.C.B., who died at his residence, Frimley Green, yesterday, was a distinguished civil servant.

Born at Newport, Isle of Wight, in 1863, he entered the Civil Service in 1880, and was later transferred to the Admiralty. He served at various stations in Malta, Ceylon, etc., and subsequently became Director of Naval Stores and Naval Contracts. This position he resigned in 1919 to become managing director of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company. During the war he served as Director-General of Munitions Supply, and assisted India and America in the provision of munitions. From November, 1917, to February, 1918, he was Acting-Chairman of the British War Missions to the United States.

Sir Frederick was an enthusiastic Isle of Wight man, and always kept in close touch with it. He wrote a song in praise of the island and a parliamentary history of the island. In his reminiscences Sir F. Black wrote:—

"When I was seventeen I took part in an expedition and made a record which, I believe, still stands. With four companions I rowed around the Isle of Wight in a four-oared galley on the night of July 21, 1880. Our time of actual rowing for nearly seventy miles was only ten and a-half hours."

Recalling his experiences abroad Sir Frederick wrote—"I was on the East Indies station when we nearly went to war with Russia over what was called the Pendjeh Incident with reference to the Russian boundaries near Afghanistan. I was there, too, when the men-of-war came in to fit out to go up the Irrawaddy to the capture of Mandalay and Upper Burma. In later years I was in Pekin on the eve of the Boxer troubles, but left before the siege of the legations."

CHINESE "WARS" IN NEW YORK.

FOUR MORE MURDERS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Another of Chinatown's periodical "Tong" wars, leading to the murder of four Chinese in and around New York, has resulted in the police authorities ordering a round-up of the leaders of the Hip-Sing and On-Leong "Tongs," in order that they should appear before the District Attorney for a conference designed to secure a peaceful settlement. Mr. Crain said to-day that "China's civil war cannot be carried out in New York."—*Reuter.*

LATE NEWS

CROWN FOR PRINCE CAROL.

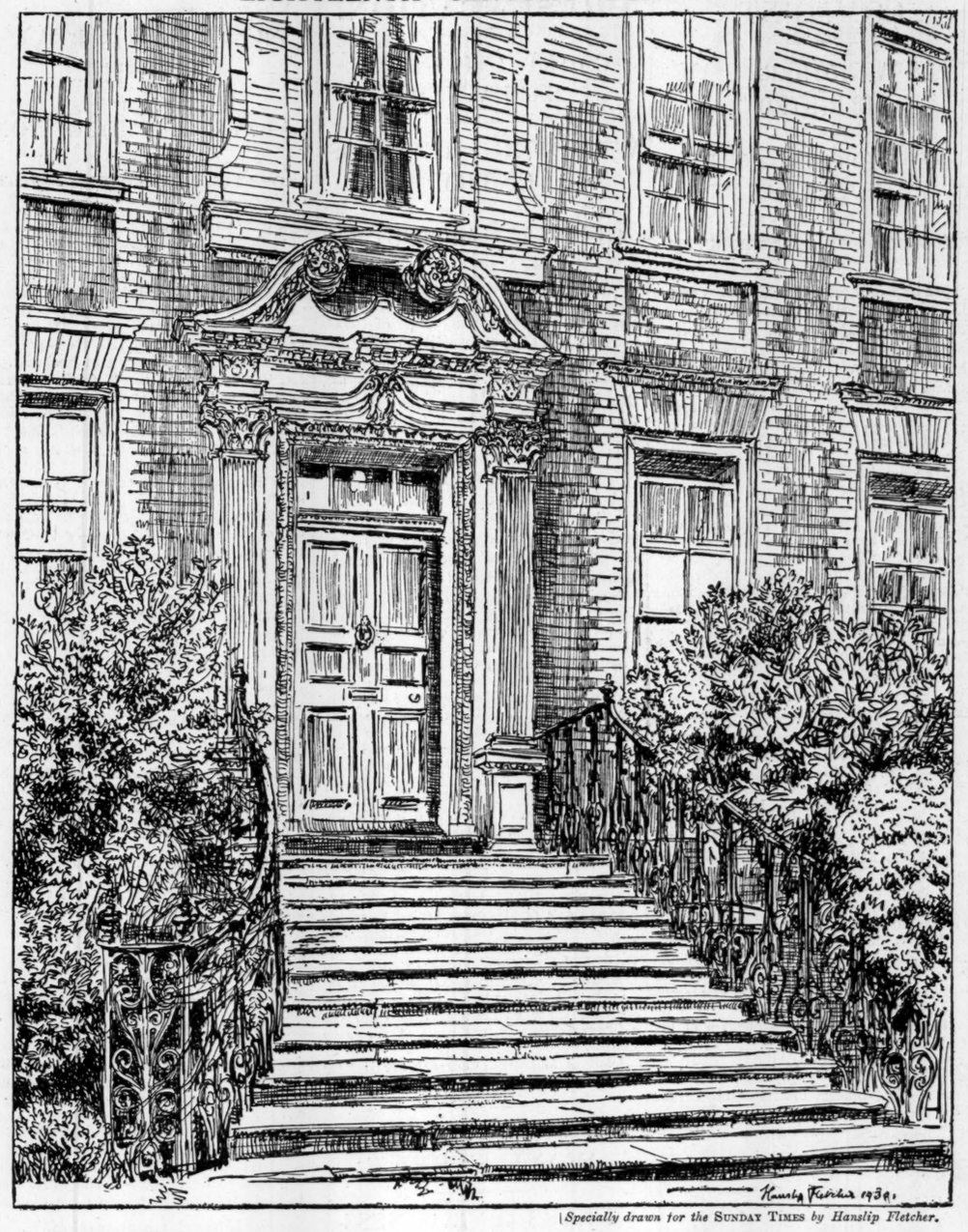
Our special correspondent, telegraphing from the Rumanian frontier late last night, says:—

The new Rumanian Cabinet is expected to ask the National Assembly to-day (Sunday) to offer the Crown to Prince Carol. It is understood that, of the Maniu Cabinet, five members were for offering the Prince the Regency and seven for proclaiming him King.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT POSTPONED.

The trans-Atlantic flight of Capt. Kingsford Smith, which was to have started from the Curragh this morning, was postponed, following the receipt of an unfavourable weather report from the British Air Ministry.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LONDON.



Specially drawn for the SUNDAY TIMES *by Hanslip Fletcher.*

A fine Queen Anne mansion, built in 1714, at 179, Lower Clapton Road, Hackney, and threatened with demolition to make way for workmen's dwellings. It is in an excellent state of preservation, due to the care which has been taken of the building during its use for the past seventy years as a Home for Deaf and Dumb Women. A compulsory order under the Housing Act of 1925, made by the Hackney Council, is awaiting confirmation by the Ministry of Health. Opposition has been voiced in many quarters.

WON B.D. AFTER 33 YEARS.

BRIGHTON MINISTER'S UNIQUE FEAT.

OLD COLLEGE RIGHT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

EDINBURGH, Saturday.

A Brighton minister, the Rev. H. G Lewis, has had the unique distinction of gaining the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in St. Mary's College, St. Andrews, after a course extending to thirty-three years.

Up to 1900 St. Mary's College had the right of examining for the B.D. degree any candidate, whether or not he had been a resident student. Mr. Lewis presented himself under this old rule in 1897 and passed in three out of four subjects. He returned a week or two ago, after a lapse of thirty-three years, to complete the degree by taking Hebrew, the subject in which he had not sat.

Mr. Lewis was one of the last to sit for the examination in the old style, which was stopped by a commission in 1889. He will receive his degree at the graduation on June 27.

OVERWORKED M.P.s.

FIRST LORD'S FORECAST OF DEVOLUTION.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at the conference of the National Association of Local Government Officers at Lowestoft yesterday, gave a forecast of his idea of changes in legislative procedure.

"There is no one in the House of Commons," he said, "who does not acknowledge that Parliament is overworked, that it is dealing with too great a mass of business, and that in one way or another there must be a division of work.

"Some people suggest that we could relieve pressure at Westminster if we dealt with Dominion, Imperial, and foreign relationships in a separate assembly. I very much doubt whether that is possible, but in setting up larger areas of local government you will have to give more powers of initiative to local authorities.

"One of the extraordinary things of the last hundred years has been the extreme jealousy with which Parliament has guarded against local authorities having any real powers of initiative. I believe we are going to extend areas of local government, and if we do that we must give them powers of legislation for their own areas. If we did not do that, with the increasing demands of democracy, we are going to make local people disappointed and lose faith in their local institutions.

"It is going to be a big task for any Government to undertake. It won't come in the lifetime of the present Parliament, but in my judgment it is certain to come."

MISS JOHNSON'S RETURN.

SYDNEY, Saturday.

Miss Amy Johnson this morning attended a Children's Radio Club reception at Mark Foys. About 5,000 children had assembled, and the young airwoman was lustily cheered. Miss Johnson was presented with a purse of sovereigns, the result of the "Bob In" Fund, and other gifts.

Later Miss Johnson was entertained at luncheon by women pilots and pilots' wives at the Mascot Aero Club. She then left for the country, where she will rest until Monday evening.—*Reuter.*

An Exchange message says that Miss Johnson will leave Fremantle in s.s. Naldera, probably on July 7, and has accepted an offer by the Imperial Airways of a passage from Cairo to London.

BANDIT GANG LED BY WOMEN

RAIDS ON BANKS.

STAFF THREATENED WITH GAS BOMBS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Two gangs of bandits, one of them led by two women, raided banks in Brooklyn, New York, and Newark (New Jersey) this morning. They made off with approximately £7,000 in cash.

The robberies were well planned. The bandits in each case drove up to the banks as soon as they opened for business, and after cowing the employees with pistols, quietly took the cash and departed.

The Brooklyn raiders wore gas-masks and carried tear-gas bombs, which they threatened to explode if they were resisted. Two of the women were equipped with handcuffs with which they shackled the watchman and cashier.

SUGGESTED SUCCESSOR TO GENERAL DAWES.

SENATOR SURPRISED BY REPORT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Questioned regarding a report that he might succeed General Dawes as American Ambassador in London, Senator David Reed, of Pennsylvania, stated last night that such a thing "had never been broached to him." So far as he knew, General Dawes would serve another year in London.

Senator Reed was one of the American delegates to the London Naval Conference.—*Reuter.*

THE CONNAUGHTS.

MUTINY VETERAN AT RE-UNION DINNER.

Veterans were numerous at the fifth re-union dinner of the Connaught Rangers Old Comrades' Association last night, at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London.

Six were present from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, among them being Sergt. William Brereton, who served in the Indian Mutiny, was at Cawnpore with Sir Colin Campbell and Gen. Windham, and took part in the sieges of Kalpee and Lucknow. Sergt. Brereton, who at 92 claims to be the oldest surviving soldier of the British Army, proposed "The Memory of the Regiment."

Brigadier-General J. J. F. Hume presided, and among the thirty-three officers supporting him were General Sir George Barrow, Brigadier-General J. Dayrell Hammond, Col. H. F. N Jourdain, Col. C. E. Wincoll, and Col. C. H. Ford Hutchinson.

The King sent a message acknowledging greetings from the gathering.

Correspondence on "The Oldest Soldier" appears on page 8.

"JOURNEY'S END" REACHED.

"Journey's End," the war play, which has thrilled practically every civilised country in the world, ended in London last night, and remarkable scenes of enthusiasm were witnessed when the curtain fell at the final performance at the Prince of Wales's Theatre.

Numerous curtain calls had to be taken, both individually and by the company collectively.

NURSE DANIELS MYSTERY.

WATCH DISCOVERY A FALSE CLUE.

SISTER'S DENIAL.

Doubt was thrown yesterday on a report that a watch belonging to Nurse Daniels, who was found murdered under a hedge near Boulogne in February, 1927, had been found in the house of a Boulogne man. A sister of Nurse Daniels, Mrs. T. E. Davies, of Dewsbury Road, Dollis Hill, told a reporter that the French authorities had not communicated with her.

"I cannot remember my sister having a gold watch like the one that has been found in this Frenchman's home," she said. "I gave her a wristlet watch myself when she was a schoolgirl, but it was not gold."

The Paris correspondent of the SUNDAY TIMES explains how the report originated. Two women living near Henriville, not far from Boulogne, quarrelled, and one of them, Madame Pilven, accused her neighbour, Madame Rault-Prudhomme, of being in unlawful possession of a gold watch stolen from an Englishwoman.

She repeated her accusation before the police, who searched the house of Madame Prudhomme, where a gold watch was found hidden away.

According to the Exchange, the watch has been recognised by a Boulogne watchmaker as one that was stolen recently from his shop.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

COMPETITION RESULTS.

The following were the results of competitions, yesterday, at the Royal Tournament, Olympia:—

FOIL v. FOIL (Cadets).—1, Gentleman-Cadet (Corporal) L. S. Stirling-Wilkinson Royal Military Academy; 2, Cadet T. H. Knapp, R.N.R.; 3, Gentleman-Cadet E. st. King, Royal Military College. Prize for best style—Cadet T. H. Knapp.

SABRE v. SABRE (Cadets).—1, Gentleman-Cadet (Sergeant) A. V. Brooke-Webb, Royal Military Academy; 2, Gentleman-Cadet C. R. Scott, Royal Military College; 3, Cadet J. E. Willoughby, R.N.R. Prize for best style—Gentleman-Cadet Scott.

BAYONET v. BAYONET (Cadets).—1, Gentleman-Cadet (Corporal) H. R. L. Hodges, Royal Military Academy; 2, Second-Lieut.-Probationer G. H. Stockley.

INTER-PORT FIELD GUN COMPETITION.—H.M.S. Vivid, Time 4 min. 45 1-5 sec.; Royal Marines, 4 min 35 3-5 sec.

TUG-OF-WAR (11 stone Army Championship). Semi-Final: 2nd Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders beat 2nd Battalion, Norfolk Regiment two pulls to nil.

INTER-PORT FIELD-GUN COMPETITION.—H.M.S. Excellent beat H.M.S. Victory.

TUG OF WAR ARMY CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL (130 stone).—R.A.S.C. (Feltham Depot) beat 2nd Light Brigade R.A. by two pulls to one.

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING.

QUEBEC, Saturday.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who said on his arrival in Canada a few days ago that he still believed his poem, "Our Lady of Snows," was a fair description of Canada, stated to-day: "My chief impression of Canada, judging by the past few days, is heat."—*Reuter.*

VILLAGE DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

A double tragedy occurred yesterday in the Kent village of Dunton Green. Mrs. Emily Packman aged 63 was shot dead in her garden and shortly afterwards a neighbour, Harry Morley, a widower, was found with his throat cut. He died shortly afterwards.

At the inquest later in the day the jury returned a verdict that Mrs. Packman was murdered by Morley, and that he subsequently committed suicide during a fit of temporary insanity.

'HULLO! LONDON'

SIGNOR MUSSOLINI RINGS UP.

SURPRISE TALK FROM A YACHT.

GREETINGS THROUGH RADIO HOUSE.

Signor Mussolini, the Italian Prime Minister, made history in a novel way yesterday, when he spoke direct to London by wireless telephone.

The Duce, who was accompanied by Signor Giunta, Under-Secretary of State, was paying a visit to the Marchese Marconi's yacht Electra, now lying off Ostia, where he was received by the Marchese and his wife.

Signor Mussolini is keenly interested in long-distance transmission by wireless telegraphy and telephony, and he was soon engrossed in the apparatus in the yacht's laboratories for long and short wave working. Marchese Marconi explained to him the details of his new telephone set with which he recently spoke to Sydney, a distance of 9,000 miles, this being the longest distance for wireless telephony with this particular set.

MUSIC FROM THE SHIP.

"Why not a chat with London now," suggested Signor Mussolini. Marchese Marconi thought the idea an excellent one, and quickly set to work. Contact was established with Somerton, the beam station in Somersetshire, and the connection with London was completed by land line.

Signor Mussolini, the SUNDAY TIMES understands, hoped to spring a surprise on Sir Basil Blackett, chairman of Imperial and International Communications, but Sir Basil had left town. Conversation with London therefore took place through Radio House. Happily, Mr. Smale, engineer-in-charge of telegraphs, was there, and the Duce engaged him in conversation.

"Hullo! London," he began. "I am speaking from Senatore Marconi's yacht."

"I hope you are able to hear me," said Mr. Smale.

"Quite well I hear you," came the ready reply from the Duce. "It is so remarkably clear that I can hardly realise that so great a distance separates us or that I am speaking to London.

"It is a great pleasure to me to find myself on Senatore Marconi's yacht and to see all the interesting apparatus he has in his laboratory here."

"What sort of weather have you in London?" asked Signor Mussolini.

Receiving the reply that it was fine and warm, he said "It is delightful here."

After the conversation had ceased the microphone on the yacht was left open and the music of the band in the Electra could be heard distinctly by those listening at Radio House. The experiment with the new set proved a conspicuous success.

The SUNDAY TIMES learns that the same type of set as that used yesterday has been installed in the White Star liner Homeric—the first to be thus fitted—and on Friday night a commercial service between ship and shore was inaugurated.

THE KING OF SPAIN.

MADRID, Saturday.

It is stated that the King of Spain will leave here about the end of the month for a three weeks' stay in London.—*Central News.*

ASSASSINATION IN LISBON.

GERMAN DIPLOMAT SHOT

MURDERER'S STRANGE CONFESSION.

LISBON, Saturday.

Dr. Albert Von Baligand, the German Minister to Portugal, was mortally wounded this morning as he was about to drive away after calling upon the captain of the German cruiser Koenigsberg, which is visiting the port. His assailant was a German-Polish sailor named Franz Piechowski.

The Minister had just taken his seat in his car when Piechowski, a tall, wild-looking man, ran forward, drew a revolver, and fired four shots at the Minister in quick succession. Dr. Von Baligand collapsed unconscious on to the floor of the car, with two bullets in his head. Two other bullets pierced the hat of the counsellor of Legation, Herr Busch, who was also in the car, missing him only by a miracle.

Police and officers hurled themselves upon the assassin, who calmly flung his revolver into the Minister's car and made no attempt to resist arrest. Dr. von Baligand lingered until three o'clock in the afternoon, but died without having gained consciousness.

During his police examination Piechowski said he had decided to kill some important person "in order to draw public attention to the fact that he was not mad." He explained that he had been interned for two years in a German lunatic asylum, from which he had escaped in 1921, and wished to prove his sanity. He did not know whom he should make his victim, but when he saw a car on the quay bearing the German Legation's coat-of-arms he had decided that it must contain somebody important. He did not know this was the German Minister, but when told the name of his victim was glad to find that he had committed a sensational crime, and would certainly be talked about.

The tragedy has cast a gloom over the city and all the festivities arranged in honour of the German visitors have been cancelled. This evening the Portuguese cabinet met to discuss what steps should be taken in connection with the tragedy.—*Reuter.*

ROBBED AFTER RACES.

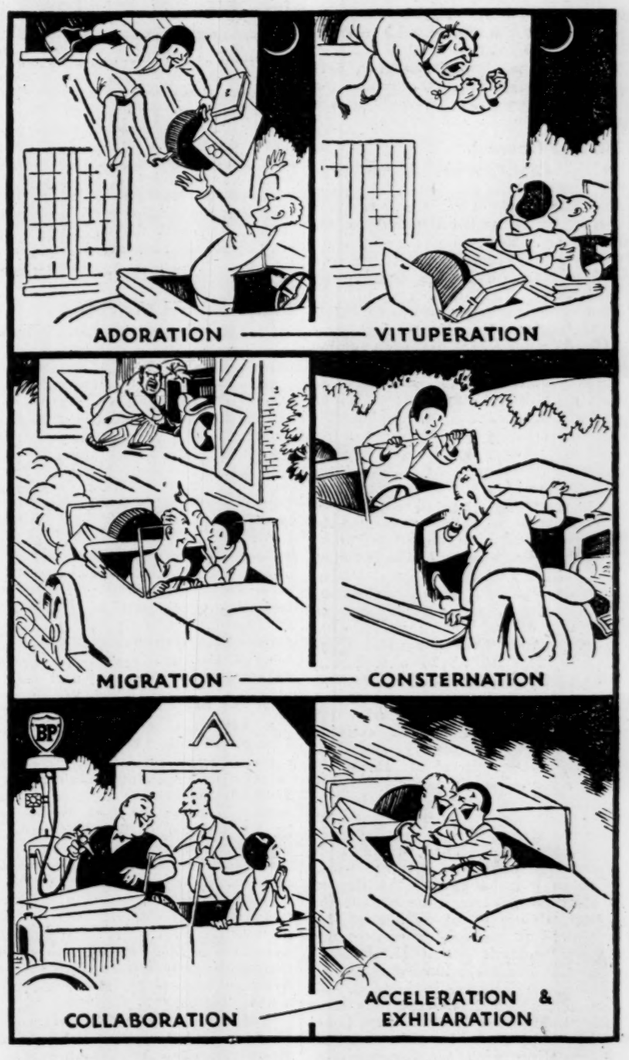
MAN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN A FIELD.

A respectably dressed man was found lying unconscious in a field at Headley, near Epsom, about mid-day yesterday. He was taken to the Epsom Guardians' Hospital, and is still unconscious.

The man, who is about 50, has not yet been identified. He had in his possession a race-card for the Oaks, a wristlet watch, a first-class return ticket to Glasgow, and a visiting-card bearing the name of "R. Forbes-Smith, Victoria Road, Glasgow." Another card bore the name and address of a woman in Gower Street, London.

Only sixpence was found in the man's pockets, and it is believed he was robbed of his money after leaving the racecourse.

A Glasgow message last night stated that a Mr. R. Forbes Smith lived with a family named Morton in Victoria Road, Glasgow. He was about 50 years of age and retired from business. He recently left Glasgow to go to the South of England.



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Social and Personal

Princess Mary Countess of Harewood will attend a Midsummer Revel, in aid of the infant welfare centres of the Women's League of Service for Motherhood, to be held at The Elms, Spaniards Road, Hampstead Heath, on June 24.

Princess Marie Louise will open a woodland fête to be held by Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Lee at The Close, near Wrotham, Kent, on Saturday, in aid of a parsonage house at Borough Green.

The Duchess of Atholl, M.P., has sailed from New York for England.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Hartington have left 85, Eaton Square for Churchdale Hall, Bakewell.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Huntly have left 24, Grosvenor Square for Orton Longueville, Peterborough.

The Marquess of Londonderry has left Londonderry House, Park Lane, for Mount Stewart, Newtownards, Ireland.

Lady Mary Graham, elder daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Montrose, is to marry Mr. John Perceval Townshend Boscawen, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Townshend Boscawen, of Testcombe, Stockbridge.

The Earl and Countess of Inchcape have left London for Glenapp.

The Countess of Hardwicke has left 13, Queensberry Place for Newbury.

The Dowager Countess of Listowel has left Kingston House, Prince's Gate, for Northampton.

The Earl and Countess of Abingdon left 3, Seymour Street yesterday for Sutton Place. They will return to London on Tuesday.

Viscount and Viscountess Ullswater have left 33, Great Cumberland Place for Campsea Ashe, Wickham Market, Suffolk.

Viscountess Massereene and Ferrard is spending Whitsun at Knock House, Isle of Mull, Oban. She will return to London on Wednesday.

The engagement is formally announced of the Hon. Evan Charteris, K.C., and Lady Edward Grosvenor, widow of Lord Edward Grosvenor and daughter of the Earl and Countess of Kenmare.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London have left for Blackwater, Hants, where they will remain for the Whitsun holiday. They will return to the Mansion House on Tuesday.

Lord and Lady Sinclair have left 6, West Halkin Street for Milton Park Lodge, Dalry, Kirkcudbrightshire.

Lord and Lady St. John of Bletso are spending Whitsun at Melchbourne Park.

Lady Burghclere has returned to 30, Green Street from Villa Altachiara, Porto Fino, Italy.

Lord and Lady Blyth are spending Whitsun at Blythwood, Stansted, Essex.

Sir Evelyn and the Hon. Lady Cecil have left 2, Cadogan Square for Lytchett Heath, Poole.

Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, son of the late Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, who became of age last April, was yesterday presented with a silver inkstand on behalf of the tenantry of the Rockingham estate, following village presentations.

Mr. Noel Buxton, M.P., has been ordered a complete rest, and is leaving London for the country.

Captain the Hon. Bede and Mrs. Clifford have arrived from Cape Town and will be at Harewood Court, Hanover Square, for a month.

The Hon. Mrs. Henry Coventry has returned to 8, Grosvenor Square from Harrogate.

The Hon. Mrs. Wilson-Filmer will arrive at 45, Upper Grosvenor Street on Tuesday from Paris.

Major Sir Nevile Wilkinson has returned to 6, Duchess Street from Edinburgh.

Sir John and Lady Barran, with Miss Margarita Barran, have left 65, Eaton Square for Sawley Hall, Yorkshire.

Major Dermot and Lady Helen McCalmont have arrived at 3, Norfolk Street, Park Lane from Ireland.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Joseph Adams.

Mr. Joseph Adams, four times Mayor of Rye, Sussex, has died at St. Leonards, at the age of 71. Mr. Adams visited America on several occasions, and the friendly relations between Sussex Rye and Rye (New York) which he founded resulted in a state visit of the Mayor of the American town to Rye last summer. Mr. Adams was the guest of honour at the celebrations at Rye, New York, last October, and, as a result of a suggestion he then made, a namesake association was established for promoting intercourse between English and American towns of the same name.

Mr. Adams, who did much for charity, was instrumental in raising many thousands of pounds for the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings.

Through his efforts Rye (Sussex) adopted the devastated French village of Coigneux.

FUNERALS.

Professor J. B. Bradbury.

The funeral of Professor John B. Bradbury, Downing Professor of Medicine at Cambridge, took place yesterday at St. Giles' cemetery, Cambridge, the first part of the service being held in St. Mary's Church. The officiating clergy were the Rev. C. P. Hankey and the Rev. W. Greenwood.

The family mourners were Mrs. Bradbury (widow), Dr. Cecil and Mrs. Bradbury (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Ida Bradbury (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Raynes, Miss Graves, and the Rev. S. Gwatkin (nephews and nieces).

The congregation at the church included:—

The Vice-Chancellor, the Master of Caius and Mrs. Cameron, the Master of St. John's and Lady Scott, the Master of Trinity Hall, the Master of Sidney Sussex and Mrs. Weekes, the Master of Downing and Mrs. Seward, Mr. A. J. Berry, Mr. H. C. Whalley Tooker, Mr. J. H. Widdicombe, Mr. F. B. Smith, and Dr. H. Hamshaw Thomas, Fellows of Downing College.

The medical profession was represented by Sir Humphrey Rolleston and a large number of other medical men, and others present included Professor and Mrs. Hickson, Professor Nuttall, the Rev. Professor J. P. Whitney, Professor Barcroft, Colonel and Mrs. Heycock, the Rev. E. H. Wade, the Rev. H. W. Fulford, Dr. J. A. Venn, and Lady Hardy.

Professor H. D. Hazletine, Downing Professor of the Laws of England, was unavoidably prevented from attending.

Mr. Joseph Algernon Locker.

The funeral service for Mr. W. Algernon Locker, a former assistant editor of *Punch*, was conducted at St. Ann's Church, West Hill, Highgate, by the Rev. Mark Johnson. The interment was at Highgate cemetery. Among those present at the service were Sir Owen Seaman, Sir Bignell Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Knox, and Mr. F. Blackwell.

PLAYMATE OF KING EDWARD.

LORD HALIFAX AT 91.

HIS HEALTH RECIPE: AIR AND ALE.

Lord Halifax, the leader of the Anglo-Catholic laity, was 91 yesterday. Though his walks are a little shorter, and he can no longer ride to hounds, he is still surprisingly active.

"A man can easily live ninety-one years and yet have nothing very important to remember," Lord Halifax said when he was congratulated by a Pressman at Hickleton Hall, his Yorkshire home, yesterday.

"King Edward? Oh, yes. I knew him very well. We were good friends," but Lord Halifax could not be persuaded to recall details of the friendship.

Charles Lindley Wood, as he was then, was an intimate friend of King Edward and his favourite playmate when the King was a boy at Windsor. He was one of the six young men chosen by Queen Victoria to be companions of the Prince at Oxford, and when undergraduate days were over Lord Halifax was a frequent visitor at Court. During King Edward's reign he was for some time Groom of the Bedchamber, but resigned to become president of the English Church Union.

HICKLETON'S FAMOUS ALE.

"I am very well indeed, surprisingly well, and I continually thank God for it," Lord Halifax said. "I really ought not to be here at all, you know. I am a Yorkshireman, and have lived at Hickleton all my life, and the Yorkshire air is very good. Then there is the beer, of course. Some people say beer is not good for me at my age, but you see this is Hickleton beer. That makes a difference. I have a glass every day for lunch and enjoy it, too. Now just ring that bell."

When the butler appeared Lord Halifax said, "Just bring a jug of ale, John, and let this young man see for himself how good our Hickleton brew is."

The home-brewed Hickleton ale has been famous throughout the district for generations. There is a special brewery in the grounds, and the recipe is a family secret. The beer is stored in great casks each containing 130 gallons, and it is not tapped until it is eight years old. The present brewer's father and grandfather also made the celebrated Hickleton ale.

"Everything nowadays is not an improvement," Lord Halifax continued. "The roads are so slippery that horses are unsafe, and all the beautiful trees are being cut down so that motor-cars can go faster. I don't call that progress."

In the beautiful chapel at the hall a fine portrait of Cardinal Mercier recalls the active interest Lord Halifax took in promoting the Malines Conversations.

THE KING AND QUEEN.

WHITSUNTIDE AT SANDRINGHAM.

The King and Queen are spending Whitsuntide at Sandringham House, where the Court will remain until Thursday. No official engagements are being carried out during the stay at Sandringham. The King will spend a good deal of time out of doors, and will visit the home farms and places in the district.

On their return from Norfolk on Thursday, the King and the Queen will make only a brief stay in town, and on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning they will leave for Windsor Castle in readiness for Ascot Week. The King has only one engagement—a private investiture to be held at the Palace on Friday.

On each day of Ascot week the King and Queen will entertain at Windsor Castle. The Prince of Wales will have a small party at Fort Belvedere for the week. According to present arrangements the King will drive in state to the racecourse on at least two of the days of the meeting.

On Monday, June 16, the King will present new Colours to Eton College Officers' Training Corps. The ceremony is to take place in the Grand Quadrangle of the Castle. The King and Queen will return to Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, June 24, in readiness to receive their Japanese guests—Prince Takamatsu, brother of the Emperor, and his wife, Princess Kikuko—who are due to arrive on June 26. They will stay at Buckingham Palace for three days.

THE BYE-ELECTION AT SHETTLESTON.

LABOUR AND LIBERALS DECIDE THIS WEEK.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

GLASGOW, Saturday.

The writ was received in Glasgow to-day for the bye-election in the Shettleston Division of Glasgow to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John Wheatley, Minister of Health in 1924.

Nominations will be received up till Monday, June 16, and polling will take place on Thursday, June 26. Three candidates are already in the field—Mr. W. J. Templeton (Conservative), Mr. J. M. McNicol (Scottish Nationalist), and Mr. Saklatvala (Communist). The Liberal and the Labour parties will make their choices early next week.

There are still differences in the Labour camp. Mrs. Isabella McNair, proposed by the Co-operative movement, and Councillor John McGovern, sponsored by the I.L.P., will go before the divisional conference on Tuesday. The I.L.P. resent the "intrusion" of the Co-operative party on the ground that Shettleston has been their recognised "preserve," while there is a distinct antagonism to this claim from other circles within the Labour fold.

Local branches of the I.L.P. have refused to have anything to do with Dr. Buchanan, a brother of Mr. George Buchanan, M.P. for Gorbals, who was favoured by Mr. Maxton and his colleagues. Their choice, Councillor McGovern, has promised to give general support to the Government; so, also, has Mrs. McNair.

Liberals have asked Mrs. J. M. Fitzgerald to be their candidate, and she has promised to reply on Monday.

EAST AFRICA DINNER CLUB.

Lord Cranworth will preside and Mr. Neville Chamberlain will be the guest of the evening at the dinner of the East Africa Dinner Club, at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, on June 25.

M.P.'s CLAIM TO FLITCH.

Mr. V. L. McEntee, Labour M.P. for Walthamstow West, will be a candidate for the Dunmow Flitch, the trial for which will be held at Ilford to-morrow. There will also be candidates from West Ham and Custom House.

The judge will be Mr. Tom Webster, and counsel for the claimants the Rev. H. Dunnico, Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, and Mr. Tom Groves, M.P. For the flitch Mr. J. H. Hayes, M.P., Vice-Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, and Mr. Hannen Swaffer will act as counsel.

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THE CAMBRIDGE TRAGEDY.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR SHOT TUTOR.

TRIBUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.

The funeral service for Mr. A. F. R. Wollaston, tutor of King's College, Cambridge, one of the victims of the triple shooting tragedy at the university, was held in the college chapel to-day. There was a large and representative gathering.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. E. Milner White, Dean of the College, and the Rev. W. S. Baker, chaplain. The lesson was read by the Provost, the Rev. Dr. A. E. Brooke, Chaplain to the King.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Wollaston (widow), Miss Wollaston and Mme. Corredon (sisters), M. Corredon (brother-in-law), Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Shepherd, Miss C. C. H. Wollaston (sisters), Mr. H. Uppleby Wollaston, Mr. W. L. Raynes, Miss Raynes, Mr. Walter Bucanan, Mrs. Whytehead, and Mr. H. Farrar (cousins).

There were also present:—

The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. A. B. Ramsay, Master of Magdalene, the Masters of Trinity, Trinity Hall, Christ's, Corpus Christi, Emmanuel, Sidney Sussex, Downing, Caius, and Pembroke (who represented the Old Cliftonian Society), the President of Queens', the Censor of Fitzwilliam House, the Principal of Newnham, the University Registrar, the University Librarian, the University Treasurer, the Headmaster of Rugby, Mr. A. E. Conybeare, Lower Master of Eton, Mr. Douglas Carruthers (companion of Mr. Wollaston in his walk across Africa), Brig.-General the Hon. C. G. Bruce, Chief of the Mount Everest Expedition, Colonel Sir Charles Close (President), Admiral Sir Wm. Gooden (President-Designate), Brigadier E. M. Jack (Hon. Sec.), and Mr. A. R. Hinks (Secretary), representing the Royal Geographical Society.

FELLOWS OF KING'S COLLEGE.

Fellows of King's College present included:—

Mr. A. A. Tilley, Mr. W. H. Macaulay, Mr. H. W. Richmond, Mr. N. Wedd, Mr. C. T. Heycock, Mr. W. F. Reddaway, Professor J. Barcroft, Professor C. E. Inglis, Professor W. R. Sorley, Mr. W. E. Johnson, Professor A. C. Pigou, Mr. J. T. Sheppard, Vice-Provost Professor J. H. Clapham, Professor F. E. Adcock, Mr. Hamilton McCombie, Mr. L. B. Turner, Mr. H. G. E. Durnford, Mr. G. S. Adair, Mr. Bernhard Ord, Mr. D. H. Beves, Mr. R. B. Braithwaite, Mr. G. F. Shove, Dr. D. Stockdale, Professor E. J. Dent, Mr. P. Hall, Mr. G. H. W. Rylands, Mr. R. E. Balfour, Professor Karl Breul, Mr. R. Lubbock, and Mr. G. C. Morris.

Other members of King's College included:—

Mr. J. H. Appleby, Mr. G. R. Barnes, Mr. B. Benham, Mr. J. E. Few, Dr. J. Griffiths, Mr. B. L. Hallward, Mr. T. F. C. Huddlestone, Mr. R. F. Kahn, Mr. A. H. M. Kempe, Mr. H. W. Marett Tims, Mr. H. M. Morris, Mr. H. Yule Oldham, Mr. H. Rottenberg, Mr. P. Sraffa, Dr. H. W. V. Temperley, Mr. W. N. C. Van Grutten, Mr. V. S. Vernon Jones, Mr. E. O. Vulliamy, the Rev. Professor J. P. Whitney, and Mr. R. H. C. Yorke, together with a large number of undergraduates and members of the college staff.

The large congregation also included many other members of the University and representatives of various bodies. There was no funeral procession. The remains will be cremated and deposited in the vault of the chapel.

POLICE OFFICER'S FUNERAL.

Affecting scenes were witnessed at the funeral of Detective-Sergeant Willis, the police victim of the tragedy, which took place in his village home at Haverhill. Officers attended representing ten police forces, including the City of London and the C.I.D. The Chief Constables of Cambridge Borough and Cambridgeshire County Police were present, and the police of all ranks numbered 120.

The University was represented by Mr. Sills, classical tutor at King's, and others present included the senior Proctor and his bulldogs in their picturesque attire. The route to the cemetery was lined with people.

The dead officer's widow and invalid mother were deeply affected at the graveside. The police officers filed past the grave, each pausing to salute. Wreaths were sent by police forces and organisations in many parts of the country.

The funeral of Douglas Newton Potts, who shot the tutor and detective, took place at Cambridge Borough Cemetery.

ROYAL GARDENS.

OPENING OF SANDRINGHAM TO THE PUBLIC.

The King and Queen have decided to open their gardens at Sandringham every Wednesday and Thursday during the absence of the Court for the funds to be devoted to the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

This week-end Sir George Hennessy is opening his gardens at Grayshott Hall, and Sir T. Colyer-Fergusson is opening his lovely gardens at Ightham Mote. Westlands Farm, the Earl of Darnley's place, is also being opened. The Earl of Bradford is throwing open his grounds at Weston Park. This week the Marquess of Salisbury is opening his grounds at Hatfield, and visitors will also be able to inspect Hatfield House, which is full of priceless treasures. The Earl of Darnley is also opening his grounds at Cobham Hall, Gravesend.

Among the other lovely gardens which will be shown this week in aid of this fund are Foots Cray Place, Sidcup, belonging to Lord Waring, Sir Charles Hanson's place at Fowey, Sir George Dashwood at High Wycombe, the Marquis Camden at Bayham Abbey, Lord Sackville at Sevenoaks, the Duke of Northumberland at Isleworth, the Earl of Iveagh at Pyrford Court, near Woking, the Viscount Hambleden at Henley-on-Thames, Lord Desborough at Maidenhead, Lord Wharton at Halswell Park, Bridgwater, and the Lady Henry Bentinck at Kirkby Lonsdale.

£100 *FROM ANONYMOUS.*

Following his wireless appeal last Sunday for the Actors' Benevolent Fund, Mr. Henry Ainley has received an envelope containing two £50 notes, with no indication as to the sender.

HARMLESS SEAWEED.

Experts of the marine biological laboratory at Plymouth report that the yellow scum which has been observed in the sea along the South coast is caused by a minute alga.

This seaweed need cause no uneasiness to bathers, for the assurance is given that it is "perfectly harmless."

ROYAL CALEDONIAN BALL.

The set reels at the Royal Caledonian Ball on June 16, at Grosvenor House, will be spectacular, as the ball will open with eight sixteensomes.

The reels will be danced by:—Atholl Highlanders, the Black Watch and Seaforth Highlanders, the London Scottish and Liverpool Scottish, the Highland Light Infantry and the Gordon Highlanders, the Cameron Highlanders and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and three civilian sixteensomes.

HOSPITAL BALL AT WENTWORTH.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester will attend the King Edward VII. Hospital (Windsor) Ball at Wentworth next Wednesday week. The alcoves on the raised daïs round the ballroom, which were so much appreciated last year, will again be a feature, and Mr. Ambrose and his band will play from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. The grounds will be illuminated, and there will be special arrangements for parking cars.

A large number of Ascot house parties will attend, and those who have not yet secured tickets (£2 2s. each) should write to Colonel A. E. Churcher, secretary, King Edward VII. Hospital, Windsor.

CANTFRBURY TE DEUM.

GREAT FESTIVAL OF THANKSGIVING.

CATHEDRAL'S 800 YEARS.

THREE NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES.

From OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

CANTERBURY, Saturday.

This afternoon an enormous congregation, representative of the county of Kent, the city and diocese of Canterbury, and the Anglican communion far beyond, inaugurated in the Cathedral a Festival of Commemoration which is to link in remembrance three great events.

First in order of importance is the dedication on May 4, 1130, of the Norman church, which a few years later—in 1174—was to be burned out before the eyes of the frenzied monks; second, the first service in the present choir held on April 20, 1180; and, third, the birth on June 15, 1330, of Edward the Black Prince, whose tomb, with his surcoat and helm above it, is one of the glories of the Cathedral.

To-day's ceremonies were intended as an act of thanksgiving for the building and preservation of the Cathedral through the centuries. They fitly terminated with a solemn Te Deum sung before the High Altar. Unfortunately illness prevented the Archbishop of Canterbury from being present, and his functions were assigned to two deputies. The Bishop-Suffragan of Dover took the place of honour in the procession and imparted the final blessing, while the Bishop of Chichester delivered a short address in which he recalled the great names from St. Augustine to Archbishop Davidson, and including St. Anselm, St. Alphege, and St. Thomas, who had figured in the history of the Cathedral.

After Evensong had been sung in the nave, a most impressive procession passed into the choir to sing Te Deum. In addition to those who have their daily part in the life of the Cathedral, there was a long double file as the rectors and vicars of the diocese, in the midst of whom walked the French Huguenot pastor, who ministers every Sunday to a small flock which assembles by long-standing privilege in the crypt.

There were representatives of the Navy, the Army, Marines, and Air Force. The Lord-Lieutenant of Kent (Marquess Camden) and the High Sheriff (Sir Edmund Davis) were followed by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports (Earl Beauchamp) and the Coronation Barons of the Cinque Ports in a picturesque group eloquent of antiquity. The Mayors of Kent, with the Mayor and Corporation of Canterbury, completed the tribute of local pride in the Cathedral.

CHURCH OVERSEAS.

The enormous extension of the Anglican communion overseas was witnessed by the presence in the procession of the Bishop of Nelson, the Bishop of Mauritius, the Bishop of the Windward Isles, the Bishop of Victoria, the Bishop of Uganda, the Bishop of Athabasca, the Bishop of Kootenay, the Bishop of Gippsland, the Bishop of Riverina, and the Bishop in Hokkaido.

A far greater gathering of overseas bishops is expected on Thursday, when there will be a thanksgiving service for the work of the Anglican communion throughout the world.

The arrangements for the festival week are most varied. Sir Philip Ben Greet will produce Shakespeare's "Henry IV." (Part 2) and "Henry V." in the Deanery garden, which, with its background of the ancient city wall and bastions, will provide an ideal setting. Mr. Tom Heselwood, Mr. Russell Thornlike, and Mr. Donald Woolfit are of the company.

STATUE OF ST. THOMAS,

Music figures prominently in the programme. Dame Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerley Rumford are among the vocalists who will sing in the cathedral. On Wednesday evening Dr. Palmer, the cathedral organist, will conduct a performance of Mozart's "Twelfth Mass." Eminent authorites, such as Sir Henry Newbolt, Prof. Hamilton Thompson, , Prof. Claude Jenkins, and the Dean of Norwich, will lecture on various aspects of the cathedral's history.

On Saturday, at a final service, a statue of St. Thomas of Canterbury will be unveiled. This is a gift to the cathedral from the Church of Sweden. The ceremony will be attended by the Royal Chamberlain of Sparreholm and the Bishop of Växjö-Kalmar.

Throughout the week, in the Library, visitors will have the opportunity of inspecting the cathedral treasures, which include many mediæval charters, deeds, documents, and personal relics.

FORTY YEARS M.P.

WELSH HONOURS FOR MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LLANGOLLEN, Saturday.

Great interest is manifest throughout North Wales in the coming celebration of Mr. Lloyd George's forty years in Parliament. Special trains and charabancs will carry his constituents and friends from all parts of Wales to Caernarvon on Thursday.

Presentations will be made in the famous Eisteddfod Pavilion adjoining the ancient Caernarvon Castle with accommodation for 10,000 people. The national crowned bard has composed the "Song of David," which will be rendered by the National Penillion Singers, and selections will be given by the Carnarvon Choral Society. A Lloyd George scholarship will be founded at North Wales University. The ex-Premier claims to be the only member of any Legislature in the world who has been returned by the same constituency for forty years.

FIRST MUNICIPAL AERODROME.

The first municipal aerodrome in this country was opened at Hull last October. The ceremony was performed by Prince George, who also recently opened the new municipal air-port at Whitchurch, Bristol.

20,000,000 *LISTENERS.*

A speech by Mr. Paul Robeson on his part of "Othello" will be broadcast this afternoon from Savoy Hill through seventy-five wireless stations in the United States. It is estimated that there will be 20,000,000 listeners.

BATTLEFIELDS TOUR.

Members of the 2nd City of Birmingham Battalion Club left Birmingham yesterday to visit the battlefields in France. This afternoon they will visit Mariecourt, where the battalion first went into action in 1915.

To-morrow will be spent in the Arras and Vimy sectors. The 1st and 2nd City Battalions were attached to the Canadian Corps which captured Vimy Ridge.

DARTMOOR GOLF COURSE.

A new eighteen-hole golf course, in the grounds of the G.W.R.'s hotel, the Manor House, Moretonhampstead, has been opened for play. The course, situated amid beautiful scenery and high up near the moors, is sporting in character. It is about 5,600 yards in length, and has six short holes.

The Manor House Hotel was formerly the residence of the late Lord Hambledon, and is situated twelve and a-half miles from Exeter, Newton Abbot, and Okehampton, and twenty-six from Plymouth.

R.A.F. DISPLAY.

THRILLS IN THIS YEAR'S PAGEANT.

PIRATE STRONGHOLD TO BE DESTROYED.

Two hundred machines, piloted by some of the most skilful men in the service, will take part in the Royal Air Force Display at Hendon on Saturday, June 28. At one point in the programme fifty-four machines, comprising three squadrons of single-seater fighters and three squadrons of big day bombers, will leave the ground simultaneously and fly past the Royal box, before which they will dip in salute. The fighters will disperse, leaving the day bombers to carry out aerial drill.

This year, for the first time, the public will be able to see the work of one of the Territorial squadrons. No. 600 City of London Bombing Squadron, of the Auxiliary Force, which is manned by people from City offices, will give an independent display. The squadron leader is Captain the Hon. F. E. Guest

There will be many thrills, but throughout the programme will have a definite bearing on the R.A.F. training and service work. The finale will be a spectacular set piece, showing an attack upon a pirate stronghold, which will be blown up after the defeat of the pirate aircraft and the rescue of prisoners.

200 M.P.H. FIGHTERS.

A new class of intercepter fighters, which have been specially designed for the defence of London, will be on view in a ground exhibition. The best of these new types are capable of climbing very quickly to a height of three or four miles, and at that altitude they can operate against hostile aircraft at speeds exceeding two hundred miles an hour. The type has been evolved as a result of experience gained in the Schneider trophy competitions.

Auto-gyros, and a tail-less aeroplane—the Hill Pterodactyl, which embodies clever safety devices—will also be shown to the public, with many other types of craft. Accommodation is being provided for 150,000 people. The spectators will include members of the Houses of Parliament and delegates of the Empire Press Conference. New stands have been erected and improved arrangements have been made for car-parking.

WINDSOR OAKS.

HISTORIC TREES CUT DOWN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WINDSOR, Saturday.

About eight of the famous old oaks of Windsor Forest have been cut down during the past few days. The trees were near Goat Pen Hill and close to Windsor and Ascot main road, and within a short distance of Cranbourne Tower.

Some of the trees were a thousand years old, and most of them dated back to the Saxon kings, and had become quite hollow. An official told a Sunday Times representative to-day that the reason the old oaks were being removed was that they had become a danger to the public, and unfortunately motorists, who are now allowed to park their cars on the turf near the hollow trees, filled them with empty bottles and litter. Often the officials found that the rubbish had been set on fire.

It was then decided that the very oldest of the trees, which were practically only skeletons, should be removed, by permission of the King, who is ranger of Windsor Great Park and Forest.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

ATTRACTIVE FLATS IN TOWN.

Those who are seeking a modern flat, conveniently situated, should visit Chiltern Court, adjoining Baker Street Station, the premises ranging from ten-room to three-room bachelor flats. There are special rooms for the use of maids and a well-appointed restaurant with seating for 250 guests.

Surbiton Court Sunshine flats are still being offered by Nightingale, Page and Bennet of Kingston.

Harden House, Waverley Road, Enfield, an exceptionally well-built freehold residence, is being offered by Harrods.

Hamptons offer a modern house at Beaconsfield, Bucks, with gardens and grounds, in all about seven and a-half acres.

Near Southampton a modern residence, just off the London main road, is being offered for sale. Applications should be made to the Owner, Donotter Park Road, Chandler's Ford, near Southampton.

People in search of town, suburban, and country houses should study our advertising columns. Furnished houses and flats are also offered in convenient localities.

HYDE PARK CARILLON.

PROGRAMMES FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

After the Whitsuntide carillon recitals in Hyde Park, the bells will not be heard again for a fortnight. To-morrow, in addition to the recital by Mr. Clifford Ball, the *Sunday Graphic* has arranged for two ten-minute exhibitions on the bells of "change-ringing." These will precede and follow the ordinary recital and will be by Mr. Stephen Wood, a well-known change-ringer. The programmes for to-day and to-morrow are as follows:—

To-day, 7.15 to 8.0 p.m.—"The Church's One Foundation," "Land of Hope and Glory," "He Shall Feed His Flock" (Handel), "Intermezzo" ("Cavalleria Rusticana"), "The Lass with the Delicate Air" (Arne), "Softly Awakes My Heart" (Saint-Saëns), "Minuet and Trio" (Mozart), "Serenade" (Schubert), "Absent" (Metcalfe), "The Day Thou Gavest."

To-morrow, 6.0 to 6.10 p.m.—Change-Ringing by Mr. Stephen Wood. 6.10 to 6.55 p.m.—Recital by Mr. Clifford Ball: "In an Old-fashioned Town," "Killarney," "Annie Laurie," "Land of My Fathers," "Come Back to Erin," "The Song of the Donjeroos," "Silver Threads among the Gold," "Ye Banks and Braes," "Nocturne" (Chopin), "Gavotte" (De Fesch), "Somewhere a Voice Is Calling."

From 6.55 to 7.0 p.m. there will be change-ringing by Mr. Stephen Wood.

OBJECTION TO MIXED SCHOOLS.

Birmingham Education Committee yesterday received an intimation that the Board of Education disapproved the committee's scheme for the reorganisation of the elementary schools. Objection was raised to the proposal that the new senior schools should have mixed departments, and it was asked that they should be for boys or girls exclusively.

A special meeting of the committee has been called to consider the Board's requirements.

HARROW SCHOOL LAND.

Building operations in North-West Middlesex, especially in the neighbourhood of Harrow and Kenton, where a good deal of land is held by Harrow School, has convinced the Governors that Preston Farm, Kenton, the home of the founder of Harrow School, is ripe for development.

It was at Kenton that John Lyon lived in 1571, when he obtained the charter for the foundation of Harrow School, and this land and the farm had then been in possession of his family for close on 200 years.

In the town planning schemes submitted by Wembley the farm will be bisected by an arterial road, and it will be the site of a tube station on the new metropolitan line from Preston Road to Little Stanmore.

The Governors have authorised the sale of 72 acres for the sum of £55,000.

£425,000 FORTUNE FROM WORSTED.

A DEACONESS'S GIFTS TO CHARITIES.

COLONEL LEAVES £1,000 TO HIS OLD SCHOOL.

Estate valued at £425,037 gross, with net personalty £381,185, was left by Mr. John William Standeven, a worsted coating manufacturer, of Halifax. He left a number of legacies to employees, including £200 a year from June, 1924, to his lady housekeeper, Lilla Margaret Elizabeth Archer.

A large number of legacies are bequeathed to church and charitable objects by the will of Deaconess Josephine Elizabeth Dymond, of St. Andrew's Close, Ashburton, who left estate valued at £24,961 gross, with net personalty £21,752. The bequests are in sums varying from £50 downward, and they include one of £50 a year for not more than twenty years to the head deaconess, Miss Chantry, Exeter, for the salary of a deaconess or lady worker in the parish of St. Matthew, Exeter. She also left £50 a year to her "faithful friend and servant" Mary Ann Plymaill.

Leaving estate valued at £10,935 gross, with net personalty £10,863, Mrs. Adelaide Harkins, of Highfield, Ripon, bequeathed

£1,000 to St. Dunstan's Society for the Blind.
£500 to the Society for Granting Annuities to Governesses, Newcastle.
£1,000 to the Percy Clugg Fund for the diocese of Ripon.
£500 to the Cancer Hospital, London.

A gift of £1,000 to his old school, Haileybury, is bequeathed by Lieut.-Colonel Lindsay Sherwood Newmarch, of Evelyn Gardens, South Kensington, who left £27,948 gross, with net personalty £27,789. He also left one year's wages for each year of service to each servant who had been with him for over one year.

OTHER WILLS.

	GROSS VALUE.
SIR KENNETH JOHN MACKENZIE, 7th Bart. of Gairloch, of Conan Bridge, Ross-shire, formerly King's Remembrancer for Scotland (personal estate)	£73,297
HENRY FISON KILLICK, of Marlborough Road, Bournemouth, and formerly of Bradford, Yorks (net personalty £63,259)	63,399
ROBERT LUMSDEN MACKINTOSH, of Inshea, Inverness, formerly principal of wine merchant's business, and a lifelong supporter of the Northern Counties Cricket Club (personal estate in Great Britain, £50,486) (total value of personal estate)	51,232
WALTER HENRY CORKER, of Waverley House, Wolverhampton (net personalty £47,007)	49,545
CAPTAIN JOSEPH STRAKER, of Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover (net personalty £31,209)	39,988
THE HON. MISS SUSAN GEORGINA FITZGERALD, of Wroxton Abbey, Banbury, Dame d'Honneur of the Sovereign Order of Malta, wife of Francis John FitzGerald, C.B.E., Recorder of Newbury, and daughter of Lord North (net personalty £192)	631

EX-LORD MAYOR.

WELL-KEPT WEDDING SECRET.

Sir Louis (Arthur) Newton, a former Lord Mayor of London, was married to Mrs. Florence Wheatley at St. George's, Hanover Square, W., yesterday.

The wedding was a well-kept secret, and only the members of each family were present. They included Sir Louis's two sons and two daughters and Mrs. Wheatley's son and daughter.

Sir Louis's first wife died at Nice in February, 1929. His engagement to Mrs. Wheatley, of Clinton House, Palace Road, Streatham Hill, S.W., was announced last March.

The bride and bridegroom left for the Continent soon after the ceremony.

Sir Louis was Lord Mayor in 1924, and was created a baronet in the same year. He was formerly Hon. Colonel of the 56th (1st London) Divisional Train, R.A.S.C., and is Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons. He has been Master of three City companies—the Loriners', Feltmakers', and Needlemakers'—and holds decorations in Italian, Rumanian, Belgian, and Czecho-Slovakian Orders.

THREE MACDONALDS

TO RECEIVE FREEDOM OF INVERNESS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

INVERNESS, Saturday.

Three MacDonalds are to receive the freedom of Inverness on Friday. They are Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, and Sir Murdoch MacDonald, Liberal M.P. for Inverness-shire.

Mr. Baldwin's claim to membership of the Clan MacDonald arises because his mother was a MacDonald. Her father was a Highland clergyman.

Provost McEwan will preside at the ceremony, and he will place a gold ring on the finger of each of the recipients of the Burgess ticket. The presentation caskets are of artistic Celtic design.

"DRINK IMPERIALLY."

The Mayor of Southampton, Councillor Hector Young, has requested that at all official luncheons where wines are drunk and over which he presides or with which he is officially associated Australian wines shall be used.

OBITUARY NOTICE OF DOG.

"On May 31, 1930, 'Buller' Betts, of Traffic Street, Derby, and Weston-on-Trent. Faithful, unselfish, lovable, and a friend of all who knew him. Deeply regretted." This announcement, published at Derby, referred to the death of a seven-year-old dog, his master being Mr. H. E. Betts, of Traffic Street, Derby, with whom he had travelled over 40,000 miles. "Buller" had many friends, and this was his master's way of informing them that he had died.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

The band of the Scots Guards will play in Green Park this evening from 6 to 8, and that of the Coldstream Guards in Hyde Park from 8 to 10. The Royal Parks Band will also play in Hyde Park this afternoon from 3 to 5, and daily during the week from 3 to 5 and 7 to 10, except on Thursday afternoon, when it will play in Green Park from 3 to 5.

In Greenwich Park the Highgate Silver, and in Regent's Park the Finsbury Rifles, will each play from 6.30 to 9. In Richmond Park the Feltham Prize Military will play from 6.30 to 8.30, and in Kensington Gardens the Kensington Volunteers will play from 3 to 5 and 6.45 to 8.45.

ALBERT HALL "PEACE-PIPE."

An Indian peace-pipe of red sandstone was smoked in turn by the principals in the cast, after the final rehearsal, yesterday, of "Hiawatha," which opens at the Albert Hall to-morrow.

The pipe was presented to Os-ko-non-ton, the Mohawk chief singer, by an aged Sioux chief, and yesterday's ceremony was in accordance with the chief's original request. He was so delighted with the success of the Royal Choral Society in staging the story of the Indian hero that after first smoking the pipe he asked that it should be used at every fresh presentation of Longfellow's epic.

In the presentation of "Hiawatha" this year over 4,000 performers in Indian costumes will take part.

A FAIR WHITSUN

ANTI-CYCLONE SPREADING EASTWARDS.

CLOUDY AND COOL.

ENGLAND.—Moderate or fresh north or north-east winds, strong locally; cloudy, with brighter intervals; cool.

SCOTLAND.—Moderate north-westerly wind; fair; moderate temperature.

IRELAND.—Moderate northerly breeze; fair; moderate temperature.

ENGLISH CHANNEL.—Wind north to north-east, fresh or strong; cloudy; visibility good; sea rough.

AIR PASSAGES.—North-east to north winds, 15 to 25 m.p.h. at the surface and 25 to 30 m.p.h. at 2,000 feet. Variable amount of cloud, but mainly fair. Visibility, 6-12 miles.

By OUR METEOROLOGICAL EXPERT.

Hopes that a fine Whitsun would do something to recompense England for one of this century's most dismal Eastertides seem on the way to realisation. Though the northerly breeze which ousted the heat wave yesterday threatens rather cool weather for the next two days, particularly over the eastern half of the country, there is little likelihood of appreciable rain in any district, and under the influence of a powerful anti-cyclone just beyond our western seaboard most places should enjoy long periods of sunshine.

On the eastern flank of this anti-cyclone a down-rush of air from the region of the Atlantic between Scotland and Iceland brought a sharp drop in temperature to nearly all parts of Britain yesterday. Over a wide area in the Midlands and south of England the thermometer stood from 10 deg. to 15 deg. lower in the afternoon than at the same time on the previous day. At Kew the 2 p.m. reading of 63 deg. was 12 deg. short of Friday's figure and only 1 deg. above the normal for the season.

PLENTY OF SUN.

Though a small rain-belt affected the far north of Britain early in the day, there was no real break in the fine weather over the rest of the country. Most districts had a good deal more cloud than on Thursday and Friday, but sunshine was again plentiful, and in some regions nearly continuous.

Thursday's and Friday's combined sunshine totals were exceptionally good in the east and south of England; 30.7 hours were registered at Yarmouth in the two days; 30.2 hours at Manston, near Margate, and 29.4 hours at Greenwich. At Kew, however, the record of 28¼ hours did not quite equal that of Whit-Sunday and Whit-Monday last year, when 28¾ hours were measured.

NOCTURNAL VISITS TO THE ZOO.

SOLITARY ORANG-UTAN

By OUR ZOO CORRESPONDENT.

The inmates of the Zoo seemed none the worse after their first experience of the arrangement to keep the menagerie open until eleven p.m. on Thursdays, and judging by the appearance of the Gardens and the behaviour of the animals last Thursday evening, the plan should be a success.

With the exception of the middle garden, which contains the elephants, hippos, giraffes, and zebras, the whole Zoo is open and lit up, and consequently many creatures that refuse to show themselves during the day are on view. Those rare animals from Madagascar—the aye-ayes—have been in the gardens for nearly a year, but as they never venture out of their sleeping-boxes until sunset, nothing was ever seen of them by the public until last Thursday, and the Rodent House has other interesting inmates with the same reluctance to be seen in daylight.

The Reptile House is also more interesting by night, since the exhibits grow active and cease to look like stuffed creatures, while throughout the gardens there are countless nocturnal birds and mammals who do not show to advantage until after dusk.

The menagerie has had the misfortune to lose one of the Monkey House favourites, Joe, the baby orang-utan. He was found dead in his cage on Friday morning, and had apparently died suddenly. He had been in the gardens for two years and had become very popular because of his great desire to be nursed like a human baby. When he arrived at the Zoo he created a mild sensation by bringing a deck chair with him; apparently he was happiest when lolling in a deck chair, and had decided to make himself at home in the menagerie. However, his quarters in the Monkey House were too small for this luxury, and Joe then discovered that the arms of a visitor were just as comfortable, and whenever he could find a suitable nurse he clung to him or her like Sinbad's "old man of the sea."

Recently the Zoo has had little success in keeping orang-utans, and the only specimen now owned by the Society is Pongo, an under-sized little ape, who never grows bigger and never seems to be healthy. Yet, in spite of his delicate appearance, Pongo has been in the gardens for several years, and has outlived several large and robust-looking orang-utans.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A reunion dinner of the 9th Jat Regiment will be held at the Café Royal, London, on June 18.

A racing car, built by Lord Ridley from his own design at Blagdon, for speed records at Brooklands, is now practically completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mills, of 34, Crewe Street, Derby, have celebrated their diamond wedding, having been married at Bristol sixty years ago.

An omnibus, travelling from Galway to Dublin, was fired upon at Dunsandle, between Loughrea and Athenry. The conductor and driver narrowly escaped being hit.

James Ellicott, who was wounded in the shooting incident in the pavilion of Paddington recreation ground, Maida Vale, on Thursday, was yesterday stated to be "improving."

While George Daines (61), a ganger, of Railway Cottage, Aldersbrook, Manor Park, was working on the line near Ilford Station yesterday he was knocked down by a down train and killed.

Chief Engineer Philip Henry Barnes, of the steamer Princess Elizabeth, was found dead in his bed on board the ship yesterday morning. Barnes, who was about 30 years of age, lived at Southampton.

THE MODERN UNDERGRADUATE.

BY THE MARQUESS OF DONEGALL,

IN TO-MORROW'S "DAILY SKETCH."

The Postmaster-General, in a written Parliamentary answer, states that the total revenue received by the Government during the last financial year from the display of advertisements in post-offices was £36,925.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Butler, 272, Queen's Road, Peckham, S.E., who were secretly married at Bromley (Kent) parish church in 1870, he being then only 19 and the bride 17, celebrated their diamond wedding yesterday.

Mrs. W. Coats, of Florence Road Maidstone, who was on holiday in the Wye Valley, was alighting from an omnibus at Llandogo Station, near Monmouth, when she was knocked down by a motor-car. She died from her injuries.

Mr. John Veysey, aged 62, who at one time was prominent in the Minehead (Somerset) Labour Party, was found dead yesterday with his head in a gas-heated stove in the workshops of a Minehead firm in whose employ he had been for many years as warehouseman.

"The Menace of Prohibition" is the title of a debate that has been arranged between Mr. G. K. Chesterton and Mr. E. Scrymgeour, M.P. for Dundee, on June 20. It will not be broadcast, as the B.B.C. consider the subject comes under the head of the controversial.

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Court and Society

The Levee held by the Prince of Wales on behalf of the King was largely attended, and several heirs to peerages were presented by their respective fathers, such as Lord Hyde by the Earl of Clarendon and Viscount Fincastle by the Earl of Dunmore, while among those presented on elevation to the peerage were Lord Melchett, Lord Fairhaven, Lord Baden-Powell, and Viscount Bridgeman.

The Prince of Wales's presence at the Derby Ball for the Royal Northern Hospital attracted a large number of well-known social lights to the May Fair Hotel, where His Royal Highness was received by Lady Milbanke, a graceful figure in black lace.

After sitting awhile on a daïs, watching the scene, the Prince took to the floor, and was dancing at one time with Mrs. Dudley Ward, who wore a frock of printed black and red chiffon. The Marquis of Londonderry, the Hon. Sir Harry Stonor (who had been dining with Lady Wolverton), Lady Cunard, in white, and Viscount d'Abernon were early to be seen, and others I met during the evening were Viscount Furness with his wife, in white with rows of black pearls, and his daughter, the Hon. Averil Furness, in green net, which set off her auburn hair most successfully; Viscountess Wimborne, who was talking to Mr. Hubert Duggan; and Lady Betty Butler, in mauve, selling buttonholes; Viscount Weymouth was dancing with his wife, who wore black and white; the Hon. Mrs. Ronald Greville, in black, was chatting with Sir Philip Sassoon; Lady Juliet Duff wore red, and Lady Diana Cooper a gold coat over a pale pink dress.

Brilliant parties have been a feature of the past few days, and the one given by the Hon. Sir John and Lady Ward, at Dudley House, in honour of the Queen, was quite on pre-war lines. Her Majesty was a regal figure in her blue gown all embroidered and sparkling, while diamonds added to the brilliance of the royal attire. Lady Ward's mother, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, was privileged to sit by the Queen for a while, as was the Duchess of Norfolk. Princess Mary Countess of Harewood, in palest pink, was among the royalties present, who also included Prince George, Lady Patricia Ramsay, who wore palest beige over pink and a diamond tiara, and Princess Helena Victoria, in blue paillettes. The hostess chose a deep red brocade frock, which set off her white hair to great advantage, and her jewels were only rivalled by those worn by the Countess of Granard, whose emeralds were noteworthy. The Duchess of Sutherland was wearing a dress of bright pink tulle flounces; Marchioness Douro had on a delicious dress of silver lace embroidered in pearls, and her daughter, Lady Anne Wellesley, was in blue tulle; the Duchess of Abercorn wore blue; Lady Earle, who was with her husband, Sir Lionel Earle, wore white lace; Lady Ribblesdale was in black; Lady Holford in gold; the Hon. Eleanor Brougham, in black and pink printed chiffon; Mrs. Winston Churchill, in white and gold; Marchioness Curzon and Countess Howe in white; and the Duchess of Portland in black tulle and her famous pearls.

The Prince of Wales came to the Bridgewater House party given by the Earl and Countess of Ellesmere to meet the delegates to the Imperial Press Conference, and one of the first to meet His Royal Highness was Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, who, wearing a dress of cyclamen pink, crossed him on the stairs. Lady Ellesmere was a dignified figure in her silver brocade gown, with which she wore the family emeralds and diamonds, and her three daughters, Lady Anne, Lady Jane, and Lady Mary Egerton, prettily dressed respectively in yellow, jade green, and pink, helped to entertain the several hundred guests, while Major the Hon. J. J. Astor stood near at hand. Many took up a position near the stairs to watch arrivals, and among these were the Dowager Lady Glentanar with her granddaughter, Lady Anne Wellesley, the Hon. Mrs. Rupert Beckett, in black and fine diamonds, the Duchess of Buccleuch, whose wonderful diamonds found a good backing in her *vieux rose* attire, and Lady Irene Cubitt, who had on some amusingly large and ultra-modern pearls. Viscount Churchill, one of the many men wearing uniform, brought his charming wife in palest pink; Mr. and Mrs. Amery were together, the latter in black; Viscount Allendale was for a time separated from his wife, who wore white, and among other young married couples to be seen were Viscount and Viscountess Hambleden, the latter in black. The Marquis and Marchioness of Hartington came together; the latter was talking to Lady Beatrice Ormsby-Gore, both being among those who did not follow the prevailing rule of wearing gloves. The Hon. Lady Bingham, in scarlet tulle, Lady Desborough, in tinsel brocade, the Marchioness of Lansdowne, in *bleu de nuit* and massive diamond ornaments on her bodice, and the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the latter in palest orchid mauve, were to be seen walking through to the famous picture gallery, where I also came upon Lady Ludlow talking to the Hon. Francis and Mrs. Curzon. Invitations had also been sent to the Embassies, and to such public men as Sir Owen Seaman, Sir James Barrie, Mr. Bernard Shaw, and Mr. Edgar Wallace, while the stage was represented by Miss Gladys Cooper (whose white dress was almost hidden beneath a frilled cape of red tulle), accompanied by her husband, Sir Neville Pearson.

Signor Arturo Toscanini has been made much of socially, and the Italian Ambassador was one of those who entertained the distinguished conductor at dinner at the Italian Embassy. Afterwards, in a small boudoir, the Italian musician received congratulations from many admirers, among whom were the Swiss Minister's wife, who wore white lace, and Lady Colefax. Others who were present were Lord and Lady Melchett, the latter wearing emeralds with a dress of blurred taffetas; Mrs. Oliver Hoare, also a wearer of white lace, who was with her tall husband; Sir Thomas Beecham, who, with Lady Cunard, was talking to Princess Ottoboni, the last in pink with a novel fancy necklace; Lady Cory, with wonderful turquoises and a black velvet gown; Sir Charles Cayzer, with his attractive wife, in bead-embroidered maize tulle; the Brazilian Ambassador, with Madame Regis de Oliveira, in white satin and wearing her fine diamond necklace with its pendant hanging down her back; Lady Ravensdale, in red with conspicuous topaz earrings; Lady Leslie, in black and gold; and the Czechoslovak Minister, with Madame Masaryk in black embroidered in diamanté, who has been backwards and forwards to Paris by air during the past few days.

Another social engagement of Signor Toscanini was at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bossom, when Princess Marie Louise honoured them with her company for the quaint and attractive dancing of a Franco-Hindu called Nyota-Inyoka, who had been brought over from Paris especially. Her miming and arch expression, coupled with graceful postures and attire as delightful as it was varied, was a great success. Her Royal Highness wore a dress of dark blue and gold brocade, and the hostess was in a frock of red and black printed chiffon; Sir Henry Wood was there to greet a fellow conductor, and others to be seen that evening at 5, Carlton Gardens, were the German Ambassador, Lord Jessel, with Lady Jessel in bright green; the Hon. Henry Mond, with his attractive wife in yellow tulle and a quaint shiny black coatee; Sir Walter and Lady Peacock, the latter in black; the Hon. Lionel and Mrs. Guest, the last in dark blue; Viscountess Elibank in her favourite rose-trimmed black frock; Mrs. Robert Fleming, in multi-coloured brocade; Viscount and Viscountess Hailsham, Mrs. Arthur Glasgow, the Hon. Mrs. Richard Hoare, Mrs. J. C. C. Davidson, and Miss Anita Loos, who wore an unusually shaped orange coloured velvet coatee.

MAYFAIR.

For the Races

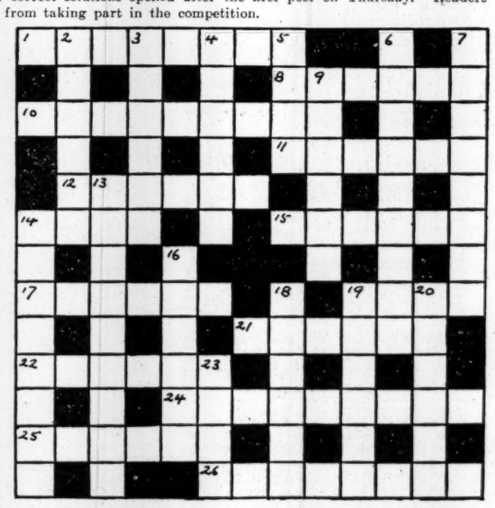
ADVENTUROUS spirits have charming summery frocks in readiness to don at a moment's notice for the Race Meetings.

The frock to the left is of figured chiffon with a short waist-length coatee to match. It has a loosely swathed line at the V-shaped neck, and closely moulded hips from which a softly flowing godet skirt falls half-way between knee and ankle.

The frock to the right is of finest silk and wool beige crepe, with a softly falling handkerchief scarf of the same material. A fitting plain corsage is slightly swathed at the hip-line, with the material gathered into a knot, and a wrap-over skirt caught up into the tied sash.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 284.

Send solutions addressed "Cross-word No. 284," SUNDAY TIMES, 186, Strand, London, W.C.2. Two novels selected from publishers' announcements in the SUNDAY TIMES will be given to the senders of the first five correct solutions opened after the first post on Thursday. Readers in Scotland are precluded from taking part in the competition.



ACROSS.

1. The best of this durable substance is inside it.
8. This Pacific island should specialise in eggs.
10. Playing the monkey around a funeral feature is certainly shocking.
11. Seemly.
12. Soothed.
14. Measure met without a tail.
15. "Dud ace" anag.
17. Sever with them, and hear in them.
19. Often surprised in mews.
21. A trick finishes what the reader will do.
22. A quiet rubber, perhaps.
24. "Tic she-cat" anag.
25. Baby considers this cutter diminutive when beheaded.
26. Predicted.

DOWN.

2. Lithe.
3. Empower starting with an upset blight.
4. The counter a French lady has part in.
5. Dispatch with appropriate finish.
6. Energetic.
7. Relations mainly different.
9. Gone through at meeting, before parting.
13. "Trace tune" anag.
14. Some fool in an European river offers a rubber.
16. Rather a trial.
18. Men on a hill act in an advisory capacity.
19. For health's sake eat only this kind of food.
20. To be continued in our next.
23. The guardian of the lagoon.

CROSS-WORD No. 283 PRIZEWINNERS.

R. GRAHAM JAMES, Cabborns Lodge, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex; Mrs. GILLESPIE, 23, Addison Park Mansions, Addison Gardens, W.; Lady THORNE, Sutton Courtenay House, near Abingdon, Berks; Miss J. BRAND, Beukelweg 21, Rotterdam, Holland; M. K. ROWNTREE, Chalfonts, York.

SOLUTIONS.—ACROSS.—1, Intrepidity; 9, Therm; 10, Frome; 11 Mango; 13, Crewe; 15, Pepper; 17, Orb; 18, Loom; 19, Left; 21, R.T.O.; 23, Banner; 26, Extol; 28, Tapir; 30, Catch; 31, Ranee; 32, Ultramarine.

DOWN.—2, Niece; 3, Rummer; 4, Pain; 5, Defoe; 6, Tromp; 7, Stickleback; 8, Deerstalker; 12 G.P.O.; 14, Woman; 16, Phlox; 20, G.R.A.; 22, Terror; 24, Natal; 25 Ether; 27, Tenon; 29, Palm.

A Woman's Corner

Whit-Sunday.

Epping Forest.

By PANDORA.

Whit-Sunday reminds us not only of the great Church anniversary, and of the speaking with tongues, but of green fields, a change from the ordinary routine, flowers, woods, the sea, the open spaces. For the first summer holiday of the year is one of the most popular when the fresh beauty of summer has not been marred by dust, the first green is still vivid, and the lovely flowering things, such as may and the rhododendrons, are painting the gardens and the roadside with their colours. The green of England now is one of the memories which many of the visitors here in connection with the great Imperial Press Conference will take back to their distant homes. True, we have not always been generous in the matter of weather, but even dull skies cannot mar the beauty of the early English summer, and we pray that the kinsfolk from the Dominions, Colonies, and islands will be to England's faults (in the matter of weather) a little blind, and to all her myriad virtues and charms very kind.

Romance of Press Conference.

What romance lies behind the names of the delegates and the countries they represent! A romance of pioneering, of endurance, of patriotism, and a love for the Old Country, of dreams which have come true as England opens her doors to her children bred overseas, welcomes them with warmth, shows them all the possessions which are part, too, of their heritage, and talks to them of matters that concern the great British Family, whether they live within sound of Big Ben and within sight of the dome of St. Paul's, or in some island of the West Indies or the Far West of Canada.

The men and women who are here in connection with the Press Conference are numerically a comparatively small number, but they represent millions of people. They will spread their views and their impressions all over the world, their words of appreciation and of admiration will be read by hundreds of thousands who may never see the country of their forefathers, yet love it.

Many Changes.

It is interesting to think of all the changes that have taken place in the world, apart from the Great War, since the Imperial Press Conference met here in 1909. Old Age Pensions had then just been introduced; the House of Commons was much perturbed over the Navy Estimates, and Lord Rosebery, speaking to the Press Conference on the subject, wondered where the Naval Expenditure of the great Powers would stop. Shackleton had come home with the tale of his discoveries after planting the Union Jack on the South Magnetic Pole in January of that year, and, most wonderful of all, the world was thrilled with the news that M. Blériot had flown the Channel, much as we are thrilled now over the recent flight to Australia of Miss Amy Johnson, who I am glad is not "Dame" Amy, which hardly seemed appropriate for that smiling young airwoman in her boyish kit, but I wish she had been the recipient of a proper flying decoration.

At the Aviation Week at Rheims, a few years later to be the scene of tragedy and unspeakable heroism, the blue ribbon for the longest flight was won by the man who did 112 miles, and for the highest speed by an American, who flew at the rate of forty-seven miles an hour.

Doles, as doles, had not been dreamed of except by the visionaries; wireless telegraphy received a great deal of praise in connection with the hero of the Republic, Jack Binns, when his vessel collided with the Florida (how quickly heroes are superseded and forgotten!), the Children's Act came into force, and Joan of Arc was canonised.

Reading all these things, one feels as if more than twenty-one years had passed, so soon do we become accustomed to marvels.

Some Prophecies.

I had the good luck to find the other day Mr. Punch's 70th birthday number, published in 1911, and discovered that many prophecies appeared in that delightful institution. For example, somewhere between 1850 and 1860 there was a drawing of the Serpentine as it might be, which foreshadowed some of the schemes for which Mr. Lansbury is praised or criticised, as the case may be. Bathing for women and feeding the water-fowl were regarded then as amusing exaggerations.

About the same time bonnets were worn well off the face, much as some of the modern hats are now worn, and *Punch* depicted the young men wearing their toppers in the same position. A few years later one of the jokes suggested that a fashionable woman might get her new head-dress from Paris by balloon post to be worn the same evening (now a commonplace); and, in view of the disrespectful amusement with which we study the fashions of even ten years ago, there is point in a drawing of the late sixties showing two fashionable persons in huge skirts, dolmans, and lace bonnets looking at the Reynolds and Romneys and saying, "What guys they made of themselves in those days, aunt!" "Fashion, my dear! I should not wonder but we shall be looked upon as perfect frights in future times."

Lovely June.

Such marvellous June days as last Thursday and Friday make one forgive and forget such things as Buchan periods and kindred grievances. In a lovely garden in Essex where the roses are beginning to show their blushes, the tulips are not yet over, the rhododendrons and syringa are in bloom, and the grass a lovely green, it was hard to remember that a few days before we were glad of fires and were wailing over grey skies. The drive back through Epping Forest and along country roads showed the country at its best. The golden tassels of the laburnum hung in many gardens, the red may was never a more lovely colour, green fields and greener trees told of June suddenly coming to her full beauty. In part of the Forest only a few scattered groups were to be seen, some walking, some picnicing under the trees. Why is it that comparatively few people seem to drive in Epping Forest compared to the numbers who visit, say, Burnham Beeches? Does the fear of beanfeasters drive them away? Possibly on a Sunday or a Bank Holiday this would be a drawback, but in the middle of the week most of the Forest seems peaceful enough to entice the comparative hermits.

And talking of forests (said she, artfully working in what she wanted to say) a card from a reader tells of an acquaintance mentioning to another that she was going for a holiday to the New Forest. "But why in the world there?" was the astonished reply. "There is nothing to see but trees!" I am reminded of an acquaintance of my own who remarked, upon hearing that we were going to visit several cathedrals: "But I never heard that you knew people in any of those places."

Animals in the News.

Animals appear to be much in the news these days. Here we have the Zoo open till all hours on Thursday, and I doubt not that the old-fashioned ones and the oldest inhabitants complain bitterly that in their young days such things never occurred, and they can't imagine what the world is coming to. Then a small kitten is actually mentioned in the *London Gazette* with the proper forms and in the stilted language with which we associate such announcements: "Notice is hereby given: In Pursuance of," etc., etc., and all about a Siamese kitten of a fortnight old. I told a stout elderly feline gentleman of my acquaintance, and he raised his head to remark—at least, so I translated it—"How like one of these moderns," and then regarding the subject as finished and the publicity-seeking kitten as crushed, continued to blink towards the sun.

FIVE GREAT GOWN DAYS at GORRINGES

A fashion event of exceptional importance begins at Gorringes on Tuesday next. Having purchased, at a large discount, the entire collections of several important manufacturers, Gorringes will offer, during this week, Model and Inexpensive Gowns at prices which in every instance show a distinct saving. Every gown is "up to the minute" in style—hardly two are alike—and the wide range of materials, sizes and fittings make this a remarkable opportunity.

'Camelia.' 'Constance.'

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"GENERALS DIE IN BED."

A.P.M. ON LOOTING AT ARRAS.

'GROSS EXAGGERATION'

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.
From CAPT. E. A. McKECHNIE, M.C., late Assistant Provost-Marshal, Arras.

Sir,—After having read Colonel Colin Harding's letter in the SUNDAY TIMES of the 1st inst., I purchased Mr. Charles Yale Harrison's book, "Generals Die in Bed," for the sole object of reading about the "Looting of Arras," etc. As I happened to have been the Assistant Provost-Marshal of the town during the so-called looting, it interested me.

I will allow that Arras was looted to a certain extent, but not to the extent that Mr. Harrison wishes his reader to believe. There are black sheep in every large community, but it passes my comprehension when Mr. Harrison tells us that men were lying about the town drunk. Those who were found drunk were, in nearly every case, in an estaminet that they had broken into, the number of men found in that state being very few, and they were arrested by the Military Foot Police; but, of course, some managed to escape.

The cases of looting which took place also were very few, but a number of men were arrested for the small crime of "being found on enclosed premises" where their curiosity led them. In nearly every case the men so found were under the impression that they were doing no wrong, but an A.F.B. 252 was forwarded, nevertheless.

Mr. Harrison mentions that a church was looted, and that gold and silver ornaments were stolen. I think he must have been mistaken; otherwise, surely I should have received information to inquire into this matter, if not direct, either through the Town Commandant or the Place D'Arras—the latter being very quick to complain when anything was wrong.

Perhaps Mr. Harrison would like to know the reason why he did not find any inhabitants about when he arrived in the city. The inhabitants, consisting of about 150 to 200 (nearly all very old men and women, and not a few bedridden with age), were evacuated by the French authorities under orders received from corps, and not because a few shells had been fired, as his company commander told him. As it was a voluntary evacuation, some few people still remained in the city.

I can certainly vouch that during the stay of the Canadians in the city two fires originated—one in the Grande Place. How it started I do not know. The other was from shell-fire. My sergeant-major and myself were in the vicinity when the latter started. The billets were occupied by the Engineers. This fire was in the centre of the town, and was soon under control. As to the falling masonry and bricks, I can only conclude that Mr. Harrison was somewhat near when the police and fire brigade were pulling down walls that were considered dangerous—near the Beaudimont Gates.

Mr. Harrison tells us nothing about the Military Foot Police of Arras and what they were doing (I conclude he was one of the lucky ones), but I can assure him the boot was not all on one leg.

In conclusion, I am sorry to say Mr. Harrison grossly exaggerates the whole episode. The entire thing was just a passing phase of a few irresponsible men, and, in my opinion, it was certainly not necessary to defile one of the finest fighting machines the world has ever seen.

E. A. McKECHNIE, Capt.
Lowfield Heath.

PUBLISHER'S REPLY.

Sir,—As the publisher of "Generals Die In Bed," I feel that, the author being 6,000 miles away, I ought at once to reply to the main points of Colonel Harding's letter in your last issue.

First, as to the implications of the title. I imagine that Colonel Harding does not question the fact that for obvious and necessary reasons generals are less likely to fall in the field than common soldiers. I do not, however, think that Mr. Harrison suggests anywhere that generals "did not play the game," if I interpret that phrase as meaning that they lacked courage. He has explained in the following words how the title came to his mind:—

> Originally I planned to call the book "Soldier of Christ." When Foch died I got the idea for my present title. I read the newspaper account of how he was attended by nurses, and how his pillow was patted to make him comfortable, and how the house was hushed, and how the doctors issued bulletins. I remembered how Broadbent died in a shell-hole, how the hundreds of others had died in filth, neglected and lonely. I looked up from the paper and said to my wife, "Generals die in bed, but . . ." I didn't go further I had the title for my book.

The correct implication seems to me to be merely that the common soldier has to endure the results of the commands of the generals.

When does Mr. Harrison suggest that his descriptions apply to any but his own unit? The book is clearly one of personal recollections from beginning to end Colonel Harding asks why he has waited for twelve years before publishing such things. The reply is that sections of the book have long since appeared in English, American, Austrian, German, and Russian journals. Doubtless in welding these sections together he amplifies his notes, but the delay was certainly not due to him.

One word more. When I read this book I felt, as Colonel Harding feels, that these were serious things, and I informed the author that I could only publish the book if I had his absolute guarantee of the truth of the looting of Arras and the massacre of Amiens in particular, and of the whole book in general. His reply was:—

> I wish to go on record as saying that I, personally, took part in both of these events . . . and I am prepared to vouch for the truth of my material. . . . I am sure that thousands of Canadian ex-soldiers will testify to the truth of my statements after the book is published.

It remains for the public to judge between Colonel Harding and Mr. Harrison.

Gt. Ormond St., W.C. NOEL DOUGLAS.

PORTRAITS NOT TYPICAL.

Sir,—May I support the plea of Colonel Harding that war books should be censored? That in armies numbering in the aggregate some millions of men there were some cowards, drunkards, or debauchees is hardly surprising.

The average fighting man was healthy, well disciplined, level headed, philosophic, and humorous; he was sober (he couldn't, poor man, be anything else); he wasn't sex-obsessed (the conditions were hardly conducive to this kind of meditation), and, finally, he had a virile detestation of the epicene "conscientious objector." But, of course, he was too dull to write about.

HUGH J. GOOLDEN.
Philbeach Gardens, S.W.

Sir,—I have read Colonel Colin Harding's letter in reference to "Generals Die in Bed" with resentment at Mr. Charles Yale Harrison's book. It is time that the flood of war books was ended. Those I have read are false to my own experience, libel and misrepresent the men I knew, and give the rising generation a false idea of those of the war period, who gave all for the safety and honour of the country.

The present generation do not realise the part which Canada played in the war. It was, in plain fact, one of the greatest acts of self-sacrificing imperial patriotism in history, if not the greatest. If we had gone under in the struggle, and the great Dominion had remained aloof, she would have declared her independence and been safe from all the ills of war. As an independent State of the American Continent she would have been included in the Monroe Doctrine, and no German fleet or army would have dared to attack her. Canada took a different view: she took the risk, gave all for the Empire, and passes down to history in the same glorious company as Platæa at Marathon.

W. BARNARD FARADAY.
The Temple, E.C.

ZEPPELIN FEAT

ATLANTIC SEVEN TIMES CROSSED.

GREAT REJOICINGS IN GERMANY.

20,000 MILES IN TEN DAYS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

There is great national rejoicing on the successful completion of the Graf Zeppelin's voyage to South America and back. So enthusiastic were the crowds which gathered at Freidrickshafen to greet the airship on her return that troops had to be called upon to assist the police in keeping the spectators in check.

All sections of the Press, but most conspicuously the extreme Nationalist organs, swell with pride over the result, and proclaim that Germany has furnished the world with still another proof of her matchless engineering and scientific prowess in the face of extremely discouraging conditions. The Nationalist *Deutsche Zeitung* remarks that in twenty days the Graf Zeppelin covered nearly 20,000 miles, crossed the ocean twice, and touched four continents. The *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* claims that of the ten times the Atlantic has been crossed by airship, seven have fallen to the credit of the Graf Zeppelin.

The completion of the flight has added to the gaiety of the observance of Whitsuntide. Hardly, since 1914, has there been such excitement.

TAX ON BACHELORS.

A striking feature of the holiday season is the vigorous campaign which is being carried on by all sections of the Press to encourage the people to patronise home resorts instead of going abroad. The great passion of the German public for foreign travel had grown to be regarded as a menace in view of the sums of marks taken abroad. The Government is seriously concerned with attracting foreign currencies to Germany.

Only one shadow falls across the happiness of many thousands of bachelors occasioned by the announcement that the German Cabinet are to impose a tax upon them, dating from the first of the month. All papers publish cartoons depicting the bachelors' plight. The Socialist *Vorwarts* shows in caricature that the solution for bachelors is an easy one. It is predicted that under financial pressure many bachelors will be induced to make the decisive plunge into matrimony.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN EUROPE.

PROSPEROUS FRANCE.

Miss Margaret Bondfield, Minister of Labour, in a written reply to Sir George Jones, gives the latest unemployment figures for several European countries. The summary is as follows:—

ITALY.—372,236 at the end of April.
FRANCE.—11,510 on May 17.
HOLLAND.—Statistics of total not available. Out of 408,541 members of subsidised unemployment funds, 5.1 per cent. were unemployed in the week ended March 29, and 2.4 per cent. worked less than six days.
BELGIUM.—Of 631,919 members of Social Welfare Societies, 2.2 per cent. were totally unemployed on April 5. In addition, 3.5 per cent. were intermittently employed during the month.
GERMANY.—2,786,912 unemployed at the end of April.
RUSSIA.—1,235,600 unemployed on registers of Public Employment Exchanges. A considerable proportion of unemployed members of trade unions do not register at these exchanges and are not included in the total given.

JEWS IN EASTERN EUROPE.

WORK OF THE O.R.T.

A luncheon was given at the House of Commons to meet Dr. D. Lvovitch and Dr. A. Singalovsky, members of the Central Board of the O.R.T. Association. Among the members of Parliament present were Lord Marley (who presided), Sir Herbert Samuel, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Mr. C. R. Buxton, Colonel Malone, Mr. Horrabin, Mr. Michael Marcus, Mr. A. Fenner Brockway, Mr. Frank Owen, and Mr. W. E. D. Allen, also Mrs. Zangwill and other friends of the O.R.T.

Dr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, wrote that the object of the O.R.T.—"the Reconstruction of the social life of the Jewish population on productive lines"—would make a strong appeal to all enlightened opinion in this and other countries.

In his opening remarks Lord Marley laid especial stress on the importance of training centres for the adults, of vocational schools for the young, and of the agricultural settlements which the O.R.T. was supporting in the various localities of Eastern Europe.

Dr. Lvovitch and Dr. Singalowsky then gave a general survey of the economic position of the Jews in Russia and Poland, pointing out how especially acute was the position in Russia, where the destruction of the trading class actually meant the complete economic ruin of almost a third of the Jewish population. The practical efforts of the O.R.T. were directed towards the restoration to working conditions of all those Jews who had been ruined by the war and the revolution. It also urged persons residing outside Russia to send their relatives there machines instead of money; 2,200 families benefited from this section of the O.R.T. work. During the last year the O.R.T. established and equipped co-operative workshops in ten towns populated by Jews.

Sir Herbert Samuel said there were many Jews who concentrated their whole thought on Palestine, and there were some who thought that the claims of the O.R.T. were in conflict with the claims of the Zionists. He had never taken that view. If the souls of the Jewish people were in Palestine, the bodies of the Jewish people were mainly elsewhere, and it was necessary to care for the body as well as for the soul. He did not think that the two ideas were in conflict. However successful Zionism may be, the duty remains not to neglect the claim of the Jews who are in Eastern Europe.

Mr. W. Allen, M.P. (Conservative), Mr. Frank Owen, M.P. (Liberal), Mr. A. Fenner Brockway (Labour), and Dr. Kruk of Poland also spoke on the humanitarian and non-political character of the organisation.

LONELY INDIAN'S SUICIDE.

A verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" was recorded at an inquest at Hendon yesterday on Gapal Rao Kelker, aged 30, an Indian subject, of Frinton Terrace, Colindale Avenue, Hendon, who shot himself in his bedroom.

Kelker, whose home was in Bombay, was an engineer at the International Telephone and Telegraph Laboratories at Hendon. He had lately been very depressed, it was stated, and complained that he was terribly lonely. He was found lying in his bedroom with a miniature revolver at his head and his left thumb on the trigger. He had bought the revolver to practise on a shooting range.

SIR JAMES BARRIE'S HILL OF MEMORIES.

BOYHOOD WHISTLE THAT INSPIRED GIFT OF PAVILION.

AN R. L. S. LETTER FROM SAMOA.

After receiving the freedom of Kirriemuir (his native place) yesterday, Sir James Barrie presented a sports pavilion to the town. The pavilion has been erected on the Hill, a favourite playing ground of the famous author in his boyhood days. In handing over the gift Sir James said:—

THE STRONGEST LINK.

"It is easy to make a speech anywhere else, but to do it here, on this hill of memories, to people who are more like me, inside, than any other people are—I tell you I would rather go in to bat over there against the West of Scotland's bowling. Shakespeare's Cordelia lamented that she was unable to heave her heart into her mouth, but my difficulty to-day is to keep mine out of it. I remember once being called upon in America to speak to a women's college containing 900 girls, and I said I couldn't, but that if they would come outside one at a time I would make 900 speeches to them. I had cause to regret that offer. But I could make it with confidence to you because we are all linked together.

"I have sometimes met you—some of you—on the brae and thought for a moment that you were my old friends, your parents, or grand-parents, they were so like you, but younger. Strongest link of all is that so many of your forbears now lie with mine in a sacred place close to this spot—only that wall separating us. In my lonely first year in London I began to write something about what might happen here on the Last Day. There had been some convulsions of nature, rumblings, portents. The people here on the Last Day are your descendants—or perhaps they are yourselves, for it might happen to-night. They are afraid to go to rest. They huddle in their houses, or gather together in the churches. Up here, on the other side of that wall, the earth loosens. Down in the town a door opens, and someone enters who has not been there for a long time. There is a great concourse of others like him coming down the fields. None of them knows as yet that anything has happened. They are coming home as usual. When they open their doors they wonder who you are, and why at sight of them you have gone on your knees.

CONFESSION OF MURDER.

"You can be too lonely in your first year in London. Once I thought I had murdered a man, a Chinaman. It seems grotesque now, but I believed it. I thought I put him in a great box which I painted black, and buried him with a spade in a back garden. When I came to I saw what had happened. It was no dream, but I had sat too long, night after night, staring at my lodging's mantelshelf. In the middle of it was a little box and the figure of a Chinaman, both a few inches high. I had stared at them till they assumed gigantic proportions. The thinking I painted the box black is curious. I believed it came out of the days of my boyhood up here, when I sometimes sat with Cassie, the joiner, while he was making coffins. You can be too lonely in London.

"That spade! That was not the spade with which in my childhood I split the upper lip of Mr. James Robb. We were digging up a gooseberry bush in his mother's garden, and I missed the bush b.t got him. We then bolted in opposite directions. When this ceremony is over Mr. Robb will perhaps oblige by showing my mark. It is still there. Some collector of autographs might make an offer for this, my first one. I seem to associate Mr. Robb withe spades. It was with his spade that he and I and a son of Mr. Brand, the banker, did a dark deed. I don't know how Dr Arthur Mill escaped being in that plot. We dug up rosetty roots once—only once—in Caddam Wo.l and sol' them from a barrow at Kirrie doors for a half-penny the bundle. Time we were at school.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

"The first school I was at was Howie's, but I was only there for one day. Ran away. The Prime Minister has told me that he was under Howie for years—in some little place further north. Strange to think that if I had stuck to Howie and he had run from him he might to-day be twelfth man in the Allahakbarries, and I might be flying in an aeroplane to Possiemouth. The fishing around here, the luscious names of our waters, the reprehensible conduct of Robb in luring me to raise a sluice on the Whiteburn to make the trout think a spate had begun. It makes me still so nervous of policemen that when Lord Byng was made head of them in London I sent him a pair of white sleeves as an olive branch.

"Robert Louis Stevenson once went fishing here, and though I never had the good fortune to meet him, he wrote me many years afterwards from Samoa and described how he had stayed at the Airlie Arms and sat under a very terrifying minister. He had a curious experience when fishing in the Noran. As he sat on the bank he heard some of his trout still wobbling in the basket. A scunner came over him, and he vowed, and he kept his vow, never to angle for trout again. He was about 18 at the time, and I was 7. But, oh, why wasn't I on the outlook for him, if only to carry his bag to the station? I suppose I was away with Robb.

A SECRET WHISTLE.

"I want to tell you about a very happy affair that is closely connected with this pavilion. Robb and I used to play together till mysterious night fell,' and then the one would accompany the other half way home. After we parted we whistled to each other to intimate that no doolie had got us so far. It was a note we had invented—no one could whistle it except ourselves. Distance and the rugged things of life separated us as the years rolled on; we seldom met again for nigh half a century. We had sworn eternal friendship, but the rope seemed to have snapped. Then, two years ago, I was here on a sad errand, and the two of us went wandering away across the hill through Caddam and other parts that had once all led to the Quarity and to where—

> Prosen proud, with rippit loud,
> Comes ravin' frae his glen,
> As gin he micht auld Esk affricht
> And drive him back again.

"If I were to build a pavilion for myself it would be there. Well, that day in Caddam I made a grand discovery; that the great friend of my childhood was still the one who was closest to me in my doings. I can't tell you what a pleasure and satisfaction that has been to me. During our walk in the wood Mr. Robb said to me, gruffly, in case we got sentimental, you know:—

"'We used to have a private way of whistling to each other.'

"Did we?' I said, growling for the same reason. We were both so thrawn, you understand, that we should have flichtered a Southerner. 'I could do it now,' he said. 'Oh?' I said. 'I suppose you have forgotten it?' said he. 'It was a long time ago,' I said.

FROM BEHIND A TREE.

"'Just so,' said he. But I could see by his face that he wished I had remembered. I couldn't keep it up any longer, so I joukit behind a tree and whistled our whistle. He jumped and whistled it back. All through Caddam Wood we went, gaily whistling that old whistle; and, on my word, ladies and gentlemen, I think that is largely how it comes about that I offer you this pavilion. I must not delay you further, for the cricketers are avid to begin, and we to watch them. I think we are very beholden to our distinguished architect and to those who have helped him to carry out so successfully my idea of a whistle. And to the West of Scotland for so boldly challenging us. And to the famous Australian cricketers who now become Kirriemarians.

"Our site on the hill is as grand as Broad Ha'penny, the cradle of cricket, and the outlook is one of the fairest in our land. May doughty deeds be done here with bat and ball and at the goalposts. My love for cricket began as I sat on the hill cheering the renowned Kilrie Club. I see them still, pausing at Charlie Wilkie's lodge to pick up their implements, sometimes even letting me help to carry the cricket bag. The bats, I believe, were made by Jock Wright, the joiner. Peter Lindsay was after my time, and, alas! I never saw him smite them. But I remember some of the players, yes, and their action at the crease, which lingers like music in my mind. Dundas, with his wily underhands; Morrison, our stylist; Doig, whom we welcome back to-day; Haggert, Stewart, Worlie, who was always out trying to make a six; Alec Lowson. It is good to know that Mr. Lowson is with us still. May he often sit here and recall, as I do, how he used to mow the wickets down. Ladies and gentlemen, I now declare the pavilion open for play."

THE TWELFTH MAN.

Following the ceremony a cricket match was played between the West of Scotland and the Allahakbarries, a team of spasmodic appearances, founded by Sir James many years ago. A. A. Mailey and Charles Macartney, the famous Australians, were playing, and Sir James was twelfth man.

In the cricket match, the West of Scotland batted first, and although Macartney took six wickets for 29, the other Allahakbarries bowlers proved more expensive, and the West of Scotland's total reached 120. "Mr. Extras" with twenty-five all but qualified for Sir James Barrie's bat for the highest individual score, but he was just beaten by K. I. G. Matheson, whose 30 gained him the bat. Mailey, the other Australian, took two wickets for 45.

If this was the last game of the Allahakbarries it was their greatest. They passed the West of Scotland total with only three wickets down, Macartney being then 76 not out. The game continued for a few minutes afterwards and he played a faultless century.

RATIONALISATION.

ATTITUDE OF TRADE UNIONS.

A gross membership of over half a million is shown by the thirty-first annual report of the General Federation of Trade Unions. Receipts for the year ended March 31 were £338,659 (which included a balance in hand of £289,062), while the payments included £113,562 for benefits, leaving a balance in hand of £216,403.

The General Secretary (Mr. W. A. Appleton), in the report dealing with Rationalisation, says "that it will have many protagonists is certain. Every company promoter who hopes to make profit out of the amalgamations and absorptions which it envisages, and every politician short of a thought-saving but sonorous platform slogan will advocate it; while economists and statisticians will assert its inevitability. Those, however, whose vital concern lies with men and women, must aim at regulating such of its tendencies as threaten injuriously to affect either personal opportunities or outlooks."

MR. KELLY'S BEREAVEMENT.

PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

The funeral of Mrs. Kelly, wife of Mr. W. T. Kelly M.P. for Rochdale, will take place at Camberwell Old Cemetery, Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, on Tuesday, at 11.30. Requiem Mass will be said at St. James's Church, Elm Grove, Rye Lane, half an hour earlier

Letters and telegrams of sympathy have been received by Mr. Kelly from people in all parts of the country, including the Prime Minister, members of the Government, Departments of State, Associations of Employers and Trade Unions.

NOISY CATS CAUSE TRAGEDY.

In the early hours of yesterday Mr. Walter Simmonds, aged 72, a fishmonger, of Newport, Isle of Wight, left his bed to scare some noisy cats. He collapsed from heart trouble and died.

A NEW MAID OR MANSERVANT?—The help you require may be found in the Situations Bureau columns of the SUNDAY TIMES, or obtainable by advertising for it. The rate is 1s. a line. See page 20.

WOLSEY PAGEANT.

PRINCE OF WALES TO VISIT IPSWICH.

The corporation of Ipswich has organised a Wolsey Pageant, to be held from June 23 to 28, to commemorate the fourth centenary of the death of the greatest native of the borough, Thomas Wolsey, Cardinal, Archbishop, Papal Legate, and Lord Chancellor of England.

The pageant will be under the direction of Mr. Nugent Monck, the well-known director of the Norwich Maddermarket Theatre, who has done notable work as a Shakespearean producer and pageant master. He has based the pageant book largely on Shakespeare's play "Henry VIII.," which deals chiefly with the later stages in the tragic career of Wolsey, showing him at the height of his power, throughout the business of the divorce of Queen Katherine of Aragon, and leading to his downfall.

Over 1,000 performers will take part. Every part has been cast in duplicate, the players sharing the performances between them according to circumstances. In addition to the actors there will be a large chorus and orchestra, while the dances of the people and of the courtiers will be revived. Beautiful costumes will be a feature of the show.

The Prince of Wales is patron, and will attend the performance on June 26.

ALL FOR CHARITY.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The London Banks, the holders of *The Financial Times* Challenge Shield, will again be strongly represented at the ninth annual City and Hospital Charity athletic meeting, which will take place at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday evening. The meeting will open at 6.30

Apart from the shield not a single prize of any kind is awarded; everyone competes for the honour of winning. Every penny of the proceeds is divided between the big London hospitals. This is rendered possible as *The Financial Times* have contributed a sum of money to cover the expenses. Tickets, 1s. 6d (including admission to the Palace and covered stands) may be obtained from *The Financial Times*, 72, Coleman Street, E.C.2. or the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Grindall, National Bank of India, 26, Bishopsgate, E.C.2.

PRINTING AND EDUCATION.

FORCE BEHIND OTHER INDUSTRIES.

COLOUR EDITIONS.

DEBATE AT IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

Newspaper production was the subject discussed by delegates at the Fourth Imperial Press Conference, at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, yesterday. Major J. J. Astor, M.P., presided.

Mr. J. R. Riddell, Principal of the London School of Printing, said there was no standing still in the printing business. Changes came rapidly. New processes and new machinery followed closely on each other. What was modern to-day became obsolete to-morrow.

"Ours is a most fascinating craft. Probably that is why it attracts to its ranks men of great intelligence and skill," he said. "History proves that men of letters, artists, engineers, and master craftsmen have ever been keen to identify themselves with our industry—the industry which has not only preserved for all time the achievements of the past, but ensures the recording of future developments, thus assisting in the education of the peoples of the world. In fact, it is the impelling force behind all other industries."

MECHANICS AND CHEMISTRY.

Mr. Riddell's forecast was that the developments of the past would be insignificant compared with those of the future. "There is every indication that an era is at hand when mechanics and chemistry will play a much larger part in industrial development than in the past.

"The manager of a printing business in the future, I suggest, will need to be almost a superman, for he will have to possess not only the qualifications based on a sound printing experience, but also a bent for mechanics, coupled with the analytical mind of the scientist plus the qualities necessary for negotiating labour problems which seem to be ever with us."

When certain precision processes were perfected, it would be possible to supply what newspaper publishers had long been looking for—a colour edition. "There can be no doubt that colour is an attraction for the reading public," said Mr. Riddell. The future of the printing industry largely depends on engineering, photography, and applied science.

Lord Riddell (chairman of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association), said the printing trade had now become a closed order for printers, their sons, and other relatives. (Laughter.) During the last two or three months they had taken steps to establish a research bureau in connection with printing, the object of which was to collect all information about printing, engraving and bookbinding, and to circulate it.

"Notwithstanding the boasts of other nations, the British newspapers are the best produced newspapers in the world from a printing point of view," said Lord Riddell. "The British journalist is a wonderful technician. His knowledge of make-up and display are, I think, unequalled in the world."

He commended to the attention of delegates the London School of Printing, which, he said, had reached the position of the greatest school in the world. It had been copied by America, and he understood that several Continental countries had also made use of its example. The school contained pupils from all over the British Empire, and he invited the delegates to make full use of it and of the facilities it offered.

TO REDUCE COSTS.

Captain C. B. Anderson (Nairobi, East Africa) said the difficulty of those of them who were far from the centre of things was that they were not in a position to consult other people to see the results of experiments and to test those results for themselves.

Mr. H. T. Hunter (Toronto) said that what they in Canada were trying to get was the most efficient method of production—the method that would bring their costs down and give them the best working conditions for their men.

Mr. Tom Clarke (Institute of Journalists) raised the point of improper "lifting" of editorial matter.

Mr. R. D. Blumenfeld said "lifting" was only another name for stealing.

Colonel J. H. Woods (Canada), who is deputy chairman of the conference, said they did not wish to do an injustice to the British Press, but they were anxious to use as much British news as they could in their papers. The chief trouble in their minds was ignorance of what they might properly take and what they should not take.

Viscount Burnham said this was not only a matter of honour, it was also a question of trade custom and a matter of degree. "It could be settled very well between us without undue delay. There could be an agreement which would prevent injustice being done to the individual writer, and very likely secure him the remuneration which he deserves."

Lord Riddell said there was no desire of the London papers to limit proper and fair quotation in other parts of the Empire.

The conference adjourned until Tuesday.

Members of the conference were invited by Mr. R. H. Gillespie, managing director of the Dominion Theatre, to see the performance of "Silver Wings" last night. After the fall of the curtain a reception was held on the stage, at which members of the conference met the "Silver Wings" company and other actors and actresses.

40 M.P.H. JUMP TO DEATH.

PASSENGER WHO MISSED HIS STATION.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at the inquest at Paddington, yesterday, on Arthur John Loader, an ex-soldier, who jumped from a railway train which was passing, at a speed of forty miles an hour, through Kensal Green Station. He had intended to alight at Ealing Broadway, and the Coroner remarked that apparently Loader had discovered that the train had gone past his station, and so jumped out.

Evidence was given that Loader was travelling to Ealing Broadway to meet a sister. He had returned from India a fortnight ago, having served with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry for seven years.

CANADIAN "MOUNTIES"

RIDE THROUGH THE STREETS OF LONDON.

The detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which is to appear at the International Horse Show at Olympia, has arrived in London.

On Tuesday their horses will reach the Surrey Commercial Docks. The detachment will mount the horses when they are offloaded, and will ride through the streets of the City and the West End to Knightsbridge Barracks. Lt.-Col. Laurie and an escort of the Metropolitan Police and the City Police will meet the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at the docks.

CHINESE MISSIONARY SAFE.

The Baptist Missionary Society have received a cablegram from their missionary in the city of Tsinan, the capital of Shantung, reporting the safety of their representative.

By the advice of the British Consul, the missionary women and children are being evacuated and sent to the port of Tsingtao.

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THE FUTURE OF INDIA.

SIMON REPORT ON TUESDAY.

COMMISSION'S TASK

LUCID AND BRILLIANT ACCOUNT.

By Our DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

It is probably true to say that the publication of no Blue Book was ever awaited with such widespread and deep interest as the Report of the Indian Statutory Commission, the first volume of which will be published next Tuesday both in this country and in India.

This volume, which contains about 400 pages, with two or three maps, the price of which is three shillings, is a comprehensive survey of the many and varied aspects of the Indian problem, and forms a background, and probably a justification, for the recommendations of the Commission. These recommendations will appear in volume two, to be published on June 24, at the same price as the first volume.

Tuesday's Report will probably be found to be the most lucid and brilliant account of India that has ever been penned, and will afford overwhelming evidence of the thoroughness and insight which the chairman, Sir John Simon, and his colleagues have brought to the discharge of their difficult and momentous task. Sir John Simon will broadcast a talk on the first volume of the Report on Wednesday, June 18, and another on the second volume on June 25, both of which will be relayed to America.

TIME FOR STUDY.

After the publication of the second part of the Report, containing the Commission's recommendations with regard to the future constitutional development of India, there will be a period of four months before the Round-Table Conference meets in London. Ample time will, therefore, be allowed for thorough study and discussion of the Report, and for the appointment of the members of the Conference, who will be representative of both India (including the Indian States) and Great Britain.

Great hopes have been aroused, particularly in India, by the proposal to summon this Conference, which, it will be remembered, was first suggested by Sir John Simon in his letter to the Prime Minister in October of last year. There is some apprehension in certain quarters in this country that this Conference may side-track the Commission's Report, if the Report does not recommend the immediate grant of self-government to India on "Dominion" lines.

Reports from India clearly indicate that some of those who are not indisposed to attend this Conference are under the impression that its purpose and object is to frame a new "Dominion" constitution, even if the Commission's Report does not recommend immediate Dominion autonomy. It is, therefore, to be hoped that those responsible for the guidance of the forthcoming Conference will so direct it that it will not be allowed to end in confusion.

AN AGREED BILL.

Whatever may be the outcome of the Round Table Conference, it will still be the duty and the responsibility of the British Government to formulate its legislative proposals for submission to Parliament, and it may be taken as practically certain that the British Parliament, with whom the ultimate responsibility lies, will not enact a constitution for India which is materially different from the primary recommendations (especially as they are unanimous) of its own Statutory Commission, whatever they may be.

After the Government have submitted their Bill to Parliament it will be referred to a Joint Select Committee of both Houses, with which will sit representatives of India, with the object of arriving at an agreed Bill, after which the Bill, with such modifications as may be agreed upon by the Joint Select Committee and the representatives of India, will proceed through the various Parliamentary stages in both Houses.

All this will take time, and it is difficult to see how India's new constitution can become law before next summer.

Our Bradford correspondent learns that Sir John Simon will address a political meeting in Spen Valley on June 26, two days after the publication of the Indian Commission's recommendations. Since his appointment as chairman of the Commission some two and a-half years ago, Sir John Simon has kept himself away from the political platform, except during the general election a year ago, when the Commission was in "cold storage."

MOSCOW AND INDIA.

STALIN SAID TO HAVE STOPPED MANIFESTO.

RIGA, Saturday.

Stalin has directed the Comintern (Communist International) to compile a report of their activities in Europe, and also to submit evidence disproving the rumoured transference of the propaganda headquarters to London, as the Soviet Government will not allow the Comintern to impair Anglo-Russian relations.

Stalin's initiative with the Communist Party's Central Committee prevented the dispatch of a manifesto which the Comintern desired to send to India to-day.—*Exchange.*

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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Mr. Hume, in the House of Commons, pressed upon Sir R. Peel the propriety of abolishing imprisonment for debts under £5. He instanced cases of persons being imprisoned 100 days for debts of 64s., and forty days for demands of 4s.

Charles Kemble is to add another scion, from his noble stock, to the Covent Garden company next season, in the person of his eldest son—a youth of great accomplishments and strong natural powers.

It seems that the police inspectors and superintendents are to be selected from half-pay officers in the Army and Navy. The country should look well to this species of force, for they may soon be created into an Army not only of troops but of spies.

Petitions are in course of signature in the University of Cambridge to exempt candidates for degrees from the necessity of subscribing to the Thirty-nine Articles; particularly such of the members as are not intended for the church ministry.

The changes in the King's health are communicated from Windsor to St. James's Palace by telegraph in twenty-five minutes. This seems a long time, but we are told the flatness of the ground is the cause. The horse expresses have frequently performed the journey in an hour and forty minutes.

SEARCH FOR SCHOOLBOY.

The police are searching for John Edmund Frederick Ware, aged 13, a boarder at a Reading school, who is missing. He is believed to be cycling to Kent.

FLEMISH ART.

BRITISH LOANS TO ANTWERP.

BELGIAN CENTENARY.

By OUR ART CRITIC.

ANTWERP, Saturday.

This year Belgium celebrates the centenary of her independence as a nation, and to mark this historic anniversary in a becoming manner a number of festivals of various kinds are being held throughout the country, each one of which shows in one way or other the very real contributions which this gallant little nation has made to the total of European civilisation. At Brussels, for example, there is an instructive and attractive exhibition, "A Century of Belgian Art," where the visitor can see not only some of the finest works of Alfred Stevens, Constantin Meunier, Emile Claus, etc., but notable works by living Belgian artists, of whom we should know more.

Belgium is a word that takes every schoolboy back to Cæsar. Flanders is a name that sets every art-lover thinking of Van Eyck and Van Dyck. All the wealth of Flemish painting that lies between these two great names is superbly represented in the exhibition of Flemish Art opened at Antwerp to-day. With the Flemish Exhibition at Burlington House still fresh in our memory, it may be necessary to state that while this second exhibition will surely repeat the success of its predecessor, Antwerp has much that is new, many works of high importance and interest that were not seen in London.

NOTABLE LOANS.

Again we have the spectacle of a great art exhibition to which all the famous museums of Europe contribute—save those of Great Britain. Vienna sends two of its incomparable Breughels and seven other works; Budapest "The Family of Van Eyck," by Gonzalez Coques, and a Jordaens; Lisbon a Memling; Berlin a rare "Portrait of a Man," by the Maître de Flémalle; Dresden, two Vandycks, a Rubens and a Brouwer. There are four paintings from the Rijks, four from the Mauritshuis, two from Copenhagen, and three from Stockholm; while fifteen old masters from various French museums include two Rubens from the Louvre, and 'Christ and the Woman of Samaria," by that rare Flemish primitive Juan de Flandes.

Italy, always generous in lending her art-treasures abroad, sends fifteen works, which include Rubens's "Romulus and Remus," from the Capitol Museum, Rome, and his "Four Philosophers" from the Uffizi, Van Dyck's "Children of Charles I." from Turin, and the "Ecce Homo" of Quentin Massys from the Doge's Palace at Venice. The Irish Free State shames us by lending a Breughel (Junior) and a landscape by Siberechts from the Irish National Gallery; but London, that has received so many art treasures from foreign museums, is prevented by Parliamentary indolence and inaction from making any loans from the richness of her national art collections.

But for the generous action of our private collectors, England might well be reviled as the meanest nation in Europe where art is concerned, taking all she can get and giving nothing in return. But while this Government—as all other British Governments—has shown itself to be stupid, selfish and slow about art matters, private individuals, the art-collectors of Great Britain, have again proved themselves to be generous, public-spirited, and prompt.

FROM BRITISH COLLECTORS.

Fifteen British collectors, lending a total of twenty-five masterpieces, do much to wipe out the shame of our national inaction, and these British loans constitute some of the principal attractions even in this remarkable assemblage of Flemish painting.

Van Dyck naturally figures largely among the works sent from England. At Antwerp may be seen Lady Louis Mountbatten's "Charles I.," "Henrietta Maria," and that lovely group of "Lords John and Bernard Stuart"; the "Prince d'Arenberg" and "Catherine Rivers and Sister," from Earl Spencer's collection; the "Marie de Medicis" belonging to the Earl of Radnor; and the noble full-length of "The Abbé Scaglia," lent by Lord Camrose.

Among four loans from the Duke of Devonshire is a panel with scenes from "The Life of St. Romold," attributed to Gerard David or Van Eyck; the Earl of Pembroke has sent his "Nativity," by Hugo van der Goes; Sir Otto Beit, two paintings by Teniers; Mrs. Gutekunst lends an exceptionally beautiful "Virgin and Child," by Dirck Bouts. The high quality of the work throughout is remarkable, even when judged by the achievements of previous international exhibitions, and it is comforting to note that the British contributions conform to the highest standards. F. R.

CRASH ON LANDING.

INSTRUCTOR'S DEATH AT AERODROME.

At an inquest at Cranwell (Lincs) Royal Air Force hospital yesterday on Flight-Lieut. Henry Leonard Drake (29), a flying instructor at the cadet college, Flight-Lieut. D. A. Boyle said that at the time of the accident Lieut. Drake was instructing Flight-Cadet F. C. Beresford-Peirse in a dual-control machine, and when landing the machine crashed into another plane piloted by Flight-Cadet Montague.

Flight-Cadet G. R. Montague said he was flying solo in an Avro machine, and as he was about to land he noticed another machine taking off on the ground where he wanted to descend. He turned on his engine and rose again, and as he did so another machine seemed to come from above him. "It struck my left wing, putting my ailerons out of order, and then fell out of control. I landed my machine, and only damaged the under-carriage."

Pilot Sergeant Speer said that he saw Montague's machine about 50 feet from the ground, and Drake's at 200 feet. Montague rose and turned. There was a collision, and Drake fell in a nose dive, the machine being smashed.

Flight-Cadet Beresford Peirse, passenger, was unable to give evidence owing to his severe injuries, including a fractured right thigh.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

A moth aeroplane, one of three sent out by Norwich Aero Club to provide an escort for Prince George, crashed yesterday on a heath. The machine had developed a petrol leakage, and the pilot was seeking a grassy plot on which to land when the wings caught an electric wire. Neither the pilot nor the passenger was hurt.

Prince George flew to Norwich to attend a Boy Scouts' jamboree.

DOCTORS' REPORTS ON PRISONERS.

To overcome the objections made by magistrates to the recent order of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, under which doctors' reports on prisoners are kept private instead of being attached to the charge sheets, it has been decided to hand the reports to the inspectors on duty at the courts, with instructions that they are to produce them only at the specific request of the magistrates

JAMAICA AND SUGAR.

KINGSTON (Jamaica), Saturday.

The Governor of Jamaica has asked the Colonial Office to place the sugar problem on the agenda of the forthcoming Imperial Conference.—*Exchange.*

WOLFE'S GREAT ADMIRAL.

LIES IN UNMARKED GRAVE.

PROPOSED TRIBUTE

A FAMOUS EXPLOIT RECALLED.

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

There is to be a romantic sequel to the gift by Canada of the statue of Wolfe which was unveiled at Greenwich on Thursday.

Admiral Sir Charles Saunders is a name unknown to one out of a thousand people who know that General Wolfe won the Battle of the Heights of Abraham in 1759, yet, without the wonderful seamanship of Admiral Saunders, Wolfe's men could never have got so near to Quebec.

As the work connected with the Wolfe statue is completed it is intended, Sir Campbell Stuart informs me, to see that justice is done to Saunders's memory. Admiral Saunders lies in an unmarked grave in Westminster Abbey, and Sir Campbell is shortly to see the Dean with a view to having an inscription put upon the grave recording the great part he took in the attack on Quebec in 1759.

PRAISED BY PITT.

It was not till just before the war that Mr. Edward Salmon collected what scanty particulars there are about the life of the Admiral. His birthplace is unknown, but is believed to have been in Devonshire. He died in 1775, and though he was buried in the Abbey there is no record of this in Dean Stanley's list of Abbey burials. It is known only from the Abbey plans that his grave is somewhere near the imposing memorial of the general whom he helped to conquer Canada.

Lord Chancellor Hardwicke said after the victory: "I doubt if any two men but Wolfe and Saunders could have done the job." Pitt praised Saunders highly in Parliament, and it is significant that the Quebec medal bears the effigies equally of Saunders and Wolfe.

Saunders' achievement consisted of taking 141 vessels in safety through the unknown shoals and currents of the St. Lawrence, cutting off the supplies of the enemy, enabling the troops to land at the famous cove, and, at the same time, keeping Montcalm guessing as to what was going to happen.

French pilots who had been captured were ordered to take the vessels up the river on pain of death, but there came a stage when they said it would be suicidal to continue. "Give me the helm," said the captain of one of the leading vessels, "and I will show that an Englishman will go where a Frenchman dare not put his nose."

ENEMY'S FIRE-BOATS.

For eleven weeks the vessels were in the river exposed to the fire-boats of the enemy, and Wolfe made all his plans in consultation with Saunders.

On the night before the battle Wolfe, in making his will, asked Saunders's acceptance of his service of plate, "in remembrance of his guest." Saunders listened with anxiety to the firing on top of the Heights, and it was about mid-day on the morning of the battle (September 13, 1759) that he heard the glorious result. It was a melancholy moment for him when Wolfe's body was brought aboard his ship. He it was who took the responsibility of having it embalmed and of bringing it to England for burial at Greenwich.

The present head of the family of Saunders, to which the Admiral belonged, is Captain G. W. Saunders, who is in business in North London.

A KENILWORTH CASTLE FOR NEW YORK.

MODEL FOR ART MUSEUM.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

An art museum, built in the style of Kenilworth Castle, will shortly rise on Washington Heights, overlooking the uptown district of New York, if a generous offer by Mr. John D. Rockefeller (Junr.), is accepted by the City.

Mr. Rockefeller proposes to purchase the Park-side for 7,000,000 dollars (£1,400,000) and the buildings on the site for another 5,000,000 dollars (£1,000,000). He intends also to improve the Riverside Park neighbourhood, and Grant's Tomb, without cost to the city.—*Reuter.*

OXFORD UNION OFFICERS.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED

AN AGILE SPEAKER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD, Saturday.

The result of the elections for the officers of the Oxford Union were announced to-day. The new President is Mr. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, of Balliol. He received 143 votes against the 102 cast for Mr. J. Foot, also of Balliol, brother of an ex-president. An old boy of Stowe School, the new President is a Conservative. He is the most agile of undergraduate speakers.

The other new officers are:—

Librarian.—Mr. E. D. O'Brien (Exeter).
Treasurer.—Mr. G. M. Wilson (Oriel).
Secretary. — Mr. Derek Walker-Smith (Christ Church).

RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

The Rev. F. R. Barry, Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, the University Church, has been appointed Chaplain to the King. Mr. Barry was a Scholar of Oriel, and from 1919 to 1923 acted as Principal of Knutsford Ordination Test School during its difficult inaugural years. Appointed Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark in 1919, in 1921 he accepted the same work for the Bishop of Egypt and the Soudan.

Dr. Jacks, Principal of Manchester College since 1915, has this term reached the statutory age limit, and will retire, as will, for the same reason, Dr. Henry Gow, Warden of the College. Dr. Jacks is succeeded by the Rev. J. H. Weatherall, of Owens College, Exeter College, and Manchester College. He has been minister at Darlington and Carmarthen, and was Professor of Hebrew and Hellenistic Greek at Carmarthen Presbyterian College.

VACANCIES.

A successor to the late Professor Waters will be appointed during the term. His work lies in the history and literature of the tongues directly derived from Latin.

The Non-Collegiate Society loses this term one of the most active and popular censors it has ever possessed. Appointed tutor to the Non-Collegiate Students in 1884, immediately after taking his degree, Mr. Baker followed this up by succeeding Dr. Pope as censor in 1919. He has since been concerned in nearly every department of the Non-Collegiate Society.

The Association of American Rhodes Scholars has announced that Mr. George Eastman, of Rochester, New York, has given an additional £20,000 for the salary and expenses of the Eastman Visiting Professor at Oxford University. The first holder of the post will be Professor John Livingstone Lowes, of Harvard, author of "The Road to Xanadu" and other poems.

HONORARY DEGREES.

In a convocation to be held on Wednesday, June 25, it will be proposed to confer honorary degrees on the following:—Degree of D.C.L.—Lord Sankey, Mr. Montagu Collet Norman, Sir Hugh Bell, and Sir James Eric Drummond. Degree of D.Mus.: Sir Thomas Beecham. Degree of D.Sc.: Sir Arthur Keith. Degree of D.Litt.: Edward John Gwynn, Provost of Trinity College, Dublin.

Prince George Chavchavadze's recital at the Town Hall introduced to Oxford a young pianist with exceptional technical ability. It was followed last Sunday by the inaugural concert of the University College Musical Society, a potential rival to the justly-celebrated Balliol Musical Society, whose concerts offer the only Sabbatarian amusement of Oxford. Sir Michael Sadleir, Master of the College, was amongst the enthusiastic audience which listened on Sunday to Mr. Steuart Wilson and Miss Jean Hamilton.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

DISSOLUTION OF UNION CELEBRATED.

OSLO, Saturday.

Members of the present Storting and survivors of the Storting of 1905 assembled in the Chamber to-day to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dissolution of the union with Sweden.

Speeches were delivered by Mr. Hambro, President of the Storting, and by M. Prebensen, who was president of the Odelsting in 1905.

Both speakers dwelt on the excellent relations which prevail between the two countries, which, they said, might be taken to prove that the decision of 1905 had contributed to the happy development of both peoples. This opinion is voiced by all the Press in their leaders on the celebration.—*Reuter.*

TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

THE CHURCHES.

St. Paul's Cathedral.—10.30: Very Rev. the Dean; 3.15: R. S. A. Alexander, M.A., Canon-in-Residence; 7: Bishop Gore.

Westminster Abbey.—10.15: Very Rev. the Dean; 3: Right Rev. G. R. Eden, D.D.; 6.30: Right Rev. F. L. Norris, D.D., Bishop in North China.

Southwark Cathedral.—11: Bishop of Southwark; 6.30: Rev. C. Patteson, M.A., Vicar of St. Anne, South Lambeth.

Chapel of the Savoy.—11.15 and 6: Rev. Hugh B. Chapman.

Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks.—11 and 6.30: Rev. C. Egerton Chadwick, C.F.

Military Chapel, Chelsea Barracks.—11: Parade Service, Rev. R. J. Northcott.

St. Margaret's, Westminster.—11, Canon Carnegie; 7: Rev. Eustace Jervis.

All Saints, Margaret Street.—11.15: Rev. Prebendary H. F. B. Mackay: Mass (Schubert in G); Offertorium; 6: Rev. Kenneth O'Ferrall.

St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.—11 and 7: Rev. A. McCheane, M.A.

St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, E.C.—11: The Rector, Rev. Canon E. Sidney Savage, M.A.; 6.30: Address by Mr. Wickham Steed.

Gray's Inn Chapel.—11.15: Rev. Canon W. R. Matthews D.D., Preacher of the Society.

St. Clement Danes, Strand.—11: Rev. W. Kingston, M.A.; 6.30: The Rector.

St. Paul's, Covent Garden.—11: Rev. H. Kingsford: 6.30: Rev. R. Hart-Davies.

St. James's, Piccadilly.—11: Ven. C. E. Lambert; 6.15: Rev. A. Linzee Giles.

St. Peter's, Great Windmill Street.—11.15 and 6.30: Rev. Clarence May.

St. Anne's, Soho.—11.30: Rev. B. G. Bourchier; 6.30: Rev. W. H. Braine.

St. Ethelburga the Virgin, Bishopsgate, E.C. 11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Geikie-Cobb.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields.—6.15: Evening Service; Rev. C. Bickersteth.

Holy Trinity, Kingsway.—11: Rev. W. H. S. Dumphreys; 6.30: Rev. Dr. W. Stuart Macgowan.

All Hallows, Barking by the Tower.—11: Rev. C. R. Brown, M.M., M.A.; 6.30: Rev. H. C. Money.

St. George, Hanover Square.—11: Rev. Preb. F. N. Thicknesse; 6.30: Rev. A. V. Dixon.

St. Mary's, Bourdon Street.—11 and 6.30: Rev. G. H. Colbeck.

Temple Church.—11: The Master; 3: Rev. R F. Rynd.

Brompton Parish Church.—11: Prebendary Gough; 6.30: Rev. F. Lt. Hughes.

Holy Trinity, Paddington.—11: Rev. J. M. Vallance; 6: Rev. T. H. Cronthey.

Holy Trinity, St. Marylebone.—11: Rev. G. F. Saywell; 6.30: Rev. H. Viney.

Christ Church, St. Marylebone, Cosway Street.—11: Rev. E. J. Dent; 3.15 and 6.30: Rev. T. G. Brierley Kay.

St. John's, Regent's Park.—H.C. 11: Rev. T. G. Brierley Kay; 6.30: Rev. E. J. Dent.

St. Mary's, Bryanston Square.—11: Rev. E. J. A. Dunn; 6.30: Rev. R. F. Rynd.

Westminster Cathedral.—12: Rev. Henry Day, S.J.; 7: Rev. Bernard Whelan.

The Oratory, South Kensington. -10.45: High Mass. "Solennelle" (Gounod); 3.30: Vespers and Benediction.

Scottish National Church, Crown Court, Covent Garden.—11.15: Holy Communion; 6.30: Rev. Joseph Moffett, B.A.

St. Columba's (Church of Scotland), Pont Street, S.W.—11: Rev. Ian R. Gillan; 6.30: Rev. Dr. Archibald Fleming.

St. John's Presbyterian, Allen Street, Kensington.—11: Rev. W. Purves Boyes, M.A.; 6.30: Rev. Dr. Maxwell.

Marylebone Presbyterian Church.—11 and 7: Rev. J. Golder Burns, B.D.

City Temple.—11 and 7: Rev. F. W. Norwood, D.D.

Westminster Congregational Church, Buckingham Gate.—11 and 7: Rev. Sidney M Berry, M.A., D.D.

Kensington Chapel, Allen Street.—11 and 6.30: Rev. J. Ernest James.

Paddington Chapel, Marylebone Road.—11 and 7: Rev. James Cregan.

Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road.—11 and 7: Dr. John McNeill; 3.15: Brotherhood meeting: Mr. H. Edwards.

Brixton Independent.—11 and 6.45: Rev. Arthur Hird.

Central Hall, Westminster.—11 and 7: Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, D.D.; 3.30: Rev. Clifford Lever.

Kingsway Hall.—11 and 7: Rev. Ira G. Goldhawk; 6.30: Recital on the grand organ by Mr. Allan Brown, F.R.C.O. 3.30: Kingsway Fellowship: Rev. R. Scott Frayn, B.A. Subject, Pentecost.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Prince Arthur Road, Hampstead.—11: Rev. W. G. Findlay, M.A.; 6.30: Rev. Wm. S. Kelynack, M.A.

Wesley's Chapel, City Road.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Leslie F. Church, B.A., Ph.D.

Spurgeon's Tabernacle.—11 and 6.30: Rev. H. T. Chilvers.

Ethical Church Queen's Road.—11 and 6.30: Dr. Stanton Coit.

St. Mark's, North Audley Street.—11: Rev. W. G. Pennyman; 6.30: Rev. Eric Barnes.

St. Marylebone Parish Church.—11. Rev. W. H. Hornby-Steer; 7: "The Redemption." Gounod.

Church of the Jesuit Fathers, Farm Street, Berkeley Square.—12: Rev. C. C. Martindale, S.J.; 3.30: Rev. F. Woodlock, S.J.

St. John's Wood Presbyterian, Marlborough Place, N.W.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Alexander.

Guildhouse, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.—6.30: Prof. P. Dearmer, D.D.

Theistic Church, Æolian Hall, 135, New Bond Street.—11: Rev. J. Tyssul Davis. Subject, "Tides in the Ocean of Spirit."

Spiritualist Community, Grotrian Hall, 115 Wigmore Street, W.—11: Capt. Frost: Clairvoyant, Miss Lily Thomas: 6.30: Rev. Vale Owen: Clairvoyant, Miss Frances Campbell.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

TO-MORROW.

Mr. Baldwin addresses Suffolk County demonstration at Glemham, 5.

Conferences:—

National Association of Local Government Officers, Lowestoft.

British Legion, Cardiff (also on Tuesday).

Catholic Young Men of Great Britain, Newport, Mon.

National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives, Bournemouth (until June 11).

Co-operative Congress, York (until June 11).

Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, Plymouth (until June 13).

United Commercial Travellers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland (until June 11).

National Association of Head Teachers, Scarborough (also on Tuesday).

Dickens Fellowship: Placing wreaths on the grave of Charles Dickens in Westminster Abbey, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of his death, 10.45.

London Cart Horse Parade, Regent's Park, 2.

Dunmow Flitch Trial, Ilford.

Reading Air Fête at Woodley Aerodrome.

TUESDAY.

Imperial Press Conference (Technical Session): Lord Riddell opens discussion on "Advertising," Grosvenor House, 10; Delegates guests of Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at luncheon, Mansion House, 1.30.

Three Counties' Agricultural Show, Worcester (until June 12).

WEDNESDAY.

Prince of Wales launches Canadian Pacific Railway Company's new steamer, "Empress of Britain," Clydebank 12.45.

Princess Mary Countess of Harewood distributes prizes at Girls' Inter-Club Competitions of Social Institutes' Union for Women and Girls, Hall of City of London School, 7.

Duke of York visits Royal Tournament, Olympia.

Prince Arthur of Connaught presides at Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Connaught Rooms, 6.30.

Central Asian Society: Lord Thomson on "The Development of British Aviation in Asia," Royal Society's Hall, 5.

Kipling Society: Lord Lloyd guest at luncheon, Rembrandt Hotel, 1.

Merchant Taylors' School: Speech Day, 2.

Imperial Press Conference Delegates visit Liverpool and are entertained at luncheon by the Earl of Derby, Adelphi Hotel; and at a Civic Banquet by the Lord Mayor in the Town Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY.

The King and Queen return to London from Sandringham.

Prince of Wales visits Edinburgh.

Richmond Royal Horse Show (until June 14).

Institution of Electrical Engineers: Conversazione, Natural History Museum, 8.30.

Bishop of Stepney opens Levick Milk Room at East London Hospital for Children, 3.

Imperial Press Conference: Delegates visit Bradford and are entertained at luncheon by Sir James Hill.

Committee of Lloyd's hold reception to meet the delegates to the International Load Line Conference.

FRIDAY.

Dr. Addison, M.P., visits Rothamsted Experimental Station at Harpenden.

Worshipful Company of Feltmakers: Dinner to meet Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, Fishmongers' Hall, 7.30.

Association of Headmistresses: Annual Conference, Croydon High School (also on Saturday).

Imperial Press Conference: Delegates visit Warwick and Birmingham and are entertained at dinner by Sir Charles Hyde at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham.

SATURDAY.

Mr. Baldwin addresses open-air demonstration at Aberdeen.

Roedean School, Brighton: Distribution of Prizes by Professor E. T. Campagnac, 11.

HOUSEWARMING BY RADIO.

AMAZING CLAIMS FOR "FEVER TUBE."

SUMMER HEAT IN ZERO WEATHER.

NO ILL EFFECTS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

According to the claims of the inventor of the "Fever tube," domestic heating problems of the future are likely to be solved by radio. The "fever tube," he asserts, will permit human beings to live comfortably in heatless houses in zero weather.

The inventor is Doctor Walter Whitney, research director of the General Electric company, of Schenectady. He has developed a short-wave high-frequency radio tube which produces fever in the human body. It has already been used experimentally with marked success in the treatment of various diseases the germs of which cannot withstand fever temperatures in the body.

Dr. Whitney's proposal now is to utilise his uncanny fever tube to keep entire families warm in the coldest weather by housing them in rooms with walls corresponding with metallic condenser plates. The fever wave generates no heat, but builds up body temperatures so that it is possible for a person under its influence to live with the body at summer heat although the rooms are fireless and the windows are flung open to the wintry blasts.

Dr. Whitney foresees no ill-effects on the human body from continued heat stimulation.

LONDON'S NEED OF 45 CHURCHES.

£250,000 APPEAL AND DEMONSTRATION.

Interest displayed in the Forty-five Churches' Fund Appeal for £250,000, inaugurated to provide places of worship for the growth of vast new dormitory areas in North-West London, suggests that a new religious impulse is stirring the people.

In connection with this appeal (to which reference was made in last week's SUNDAY TIMES) a public meeting is to be held in Queen's Hall to-morrow week. The Bishop of London will preside, and the principal speakers will be Field-Marshal Lord Plumer and Viscountess Bridgeman.

Detachments of men and women from each of the areas where churches are required will attend. Sir Montague Barlow, chairman of the Fund Appeal Committee, yesterday told a representative of the SUNDAY TIMES that, by the generosity of a friend, he had secured the use of fifty buses, by which these people will travel to Queen's Hall, and each of which will be labelled: "Acton Wants a Church," "Wembley Wants a Church," and so on, according to the area from which the enthusiasts come.

"We find," said Sir Montague, "that in North-West London in the last four or five years, with 70,000 or 80,000 new houses, and an increase in residents of 400,000—mostly people working in the City—the present church accommodation is entirely inadequate.

"It is becoming a question of whether this vast accession of population is to be left without churches, and its new generation allowed to grow up pagan, or whether those who are able to help will come forward and enable us to provide the spiritual needs of this new element in North-West London.

"We hope for assistance from residents in those districts, but it has to be remembered that their resources are limited, and we ask that those with greater opportunity will come forward with their contributions to the £250,000 Fund.

CROAT TREASON TRIAL.

JUDGMENT ON SATURDAY.

ZAGREB, Saturday.

The end is approaching of the trial of twenty-four Croats, most of them students and young men, but including the leader of the Peasant Party, Dr. Matchek, who are accused of treasonable practices and terroristic propaganda with a view to overthrowing the present régime in Yugoslavia.

The President of the Tribunal announced that judgment would be delivered next Saturday.—*Reuter.*

MOTOR MATTERS.

AN OUTDOOR WHITSUN.

FUEL PRODUCTION.

By GEORGE C. STEAD.

The Whitsuntide holidays provide the first big picnic week-end of the year. Motorists are quickly realising the advantages of alfresco meals. The general lack of interest taken in motorists by some hotels is one reason for this, and another is that the outdoor meal is much more pleasant and at the same time less expensive.

Picnicking nowadays does not mean sitting by the wayside and munching sandwiches while one drinks ginger-beer from bottles. Meals equal to, and often better than, those provided by hotels can be prepared easily and carried on the car.

The traffic during the holiday week-end will be very heavy. I expect we shall read on Tuesday about the usual "record" number of vehicles, but, whether a record or not, most drivers will agree that there are far too many cars on the road for comfort.

Some motorists try to do as little driving as possible during the holiday week-ends, but I think this is a mistake. Certainly conditions are not so pleasant as during the week, but to keep the car off the road during holiday time is to miss some of the better pleasures of motoring. There is that indefinable atmosphere known as "the holiday spirit," and only drivers who mingle with those enjoying their holiday can properly appreciate it

When few are working, and when the cares of business have been forgotten by practically everyone, it is indeed pleasant to take the car and to move through new scenes and fresh surroundings. The best form of recreation is one which provides a complete change of scene and occupation, and it is this fact which explains the main attraction of motoring.

FUEL PRODUCTION.

Motorists may complain of the price of fuel, but, after a visit to the latest refinery in this country, I am almost surprised that the cost is as low as it is. Before the spirit reaches the motorist's tank it has been through innumerable processes, all requiring expensive machinery, and its journey has to be supervised throughout by highly paid experts.

The refinery I visited is the one recently erected at Fawley, on the west bank of Southampton Water. I was the guest there of the Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd., which distribute the products of the works, and I saw all the processes from beginning to end.

The crude oil, of a most unpleasant smell, arrives at the refinery in tank steamers from the wells on the other side of the world. It is then pumped into the refinery, and, after a strenuous time, in which it is torn to pieces, and, in some cases, re-united, it emerges at the other end as natural petrol, cracked petrol, kerosene, tractor oil, fuel oil, and road asphalt.

For motor fuel the processes do not stop here. The three grades of Pratt's spirit—High Test, Ethyl, and Commercial—all have to be blended specially. A uniform standard of quality must be maintained in each grade, and, as the crude oil is rarely of constant composition, the chemists are kept busy varying the different constituents so that the uniform standard may be maintained.

Some idea of the activities of this refinery may be obtained from the fact that during 1929 approximately 800,000 tons of oil products were handled. At the present time about 700 workpeople are employed, and practically all the plant is of British construction. After my visit to Fawley I look on a can of petrol with very great respect.

BROOKLANDS TO-MORROW.

The Brooklands Automobile Racing Club are holding their Whitsun meeting tomorrow, the first race starting at 1 p.m.

There are 108 entries for ten events, so some excellent racing should be seen. There are three short and three long handicaps, a race for Bugatti cars, two "mountain" races, and a consolation handicap.

WELL-DESERVED HONOUR.

The heartiest congratulations are due to Sir Henry Royce, one of the three new baronets in the Birthday Honours. As founder, director, and chief engineer of Rolls-Royce, Ltd., he has been responsible for the evolution of cars and aero engines that are world-famous.

Mr. Royce started work as a newsboy. After an apprenticeship to a locomotive works, he formed his own company for the manufacture of electrical apparatus. Towards the end of 1903 he decided to embark on motor-car manufacture, and in 1904 the firm of Rolls, Ltd., undertook to handle the output. Thus the firm of Rolls-Royce, Ltd., was formed, with what success everyone knows. The two firms joined forces in 1906, and in the following year the works were moved from Manchester to their present home in Derby.

BENTLEYS AT LE MANS.

In spite of rumours to the contrary, I am authorised to state that Bentleys will definitely take part in the Grand Prix d'Endurance to be held at Le Mans on June 20 and 21.

This marque can always be relied upon to make a good performance in this gruelling race, and it is good to know that the difficulties have been overcome.

USED CAR PERFORMANCE.

I spend most of my time driving about on the very latest things in cars, and I am, therefore, apt to overlook the fact that a very large number of people cannot aspire to a new car, and have to be content with one which has already seen service.

Determined to get some practical experience of a used car, I applied to Jack Barclay, Ltd., who always carry a stock of good cars taken in part exchange. The car provided me was a Rolls-Royce Phantom, which had seen considerable service. The speedometer showed 23,000 miles, so that the car was by no means new.

The car had been attended to before going into stock, but it had been found necessary to do very little adjustment to it.

Its performance on the road was exactly what one would expect from a Rolls-Royce. Of course, it had not quite the power of the latest model and was minus one or two of the later refinements, but it ran in the smooth, effortless way which is a feature of this make. There was nothing in its road performance to show the great mileage it had covered

A good used car from a good firm would appear to be a very sound investment.

Light Lamps (London): 10.13 p.m.

DIED ON ROADSIDE.

UNKNOWN MAN WHO WAS SEARCHING FOR WORK.

Information is sought by Kent County Police regarding an unknown man, about seventy years of age, who was found dead on the roadside at Chartham Hatch, near Canterbury. Death was due to heart failure from exposure and lack of nourishment.

The man, who was respectably dressed, is believed to have been walking the country in search of work. He was 5 ft. 6 in. in height, of spare build; he wore a moustache, was of fair complexion; he had a hump and a small spot tattooed on his left arm.

MAJOR KILLED BY A HORSE.

Major Charles Hartley, of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps (Territorial Army), veterinary surgeon of the Sherwood Rangers, now under canvas at Windmill Hill, near Ludgershall, Salisbury Plain, died in hospital yesterday from the effects of a kick from a horse which he was examining.

Major Hartley belonged to Lincoln.

BROOKLANDS M.C.R.C. GRAND PRIX RACES, May 31; 4 out of 5 first places, 4 out of 5 second places were won on Wakefield CASTROL Motor Oil—the famous product of an all-British firm: C. C. Wakefield and Co., Ltd., Wakefield House, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.—[ADVT.]

ESTATE DUTY LOSSES.

"PRIVATE" COMPANIES AND THE LAW.

TREASURY EFFORT TO CHECK.

NEW MEMORANDUM.

An explanatory memorandum is issued by the Treasury of clauses in the Finance Bill designed to check loss of estate duty owing to the transference of property to "private" companies, and the difficulty of arriving at a true value of shares in "private" companies.

The Memorandum states that Clause 29 defines the circumstances in which a liability to estate duty will arise when the property transferred by the deceased to a private company was property of which he had been absolute owner. The liability arises only—

(a) If the property was transferred otherwise than by way of a bona fide sale for full consideration;

(b) If the property transferred consisted of property other than a trade or business (not being a business of holding, managing, developing or dealing in land); and

(c) If the deceased had continued to receive benefits from the company either in money or in the right of enjoyment of land, of an annual value (excluding any dividends or interest) exceeding 30 per cent. of the total annual income of the company.

When these conditions are fulfilled, a sum of money will be deemed to pass on his death which bears the same proportion to the total assets of the company as the value of his benefits bore to its total income.

THE ASSETS BASIS.

Clause 2 provides a definite basis for the valuation of shares in "private" companies in certain circumstances. It lays down that, in the cases which come with its scope, the shares shall be valued by reference to the value of the total assets of the company (i.e., on an "assets" basis intead of "market value").

Sub-section (1) provides that the "assets" basis shall apply to any shares (other than preference shares entitled only to a fixed dividend) passing on a death where (a) a sum of money proportional to the value of the assets of the company is deemed to pass under the provisions of Clause 29 of the Bill; or (b) the control of the company was immediately before the death in the hands of the deceased.

Sub-section (2) defines "control" of a company for the purposes of the clause to mean: (a) Control by virtue of the holding of more than half of the voting power of the company; (b) control by virtue of powers given to a governing director or other person by the memorandum or articles of association.

Clause 33 defines the value of the total assets of the company as meaning the net assets. It is to be ascertained on the basis of the market value of the assets at the date of death on the principles which are applied in the normal case of an estate passing on death.

Deduction from the gross market value of the assets is to be made for debentures and preference shares, bona fide debts owing, and workmen's pension funds.

FRIENDSHIP ENDED—THEN SUICIDE.

GIRL'S STORY OF HER LOVER'S THREATS.

Facts about a clerk's infatuation for a girl, and his suicide after she had broken off their friendship, were given yesterday to the Croydon coroner, Dr. H. Beecher Jackson, who held an inquest on Reginald George Brewer, 28, clerk in the Surrey County Council offices at Kingston.

He was found gassed in bed at his lodgings in Wellesley Road, Croydon. He left a number of letters and a long poem addressed to a girl with whom he had been keeping company.

In a note on which was written "Last wishes of R. G. Brewer," he stated: "I have nothing of any value to leave, but perhaps whoever reads this last note of mine will be good enough to permit Miss Caroline George, of Fountain Road, Thornton Heath, to have anything she may desire, particularly my pictures, writing desk, and my collection of snapshops. Good-bye, friends all."

Miss George said she had known Brewer for four months. They went about a great deal on a motor-cycle. Three weeks ago she told him she did not want to go out with him any more, and he seemed very upset.

Miss George said they could not agree, and had several "little tiffs." Once when they parted he remarked, "I will see you again on Thursday if I am not in the next world." Later she sent him a letter written in friendly terms, but definitely breaking off the friendship. The next day he called and begged her not to do so. He put his hands to his head and exclaimed, "I am mad, but I am sane enough to know it. I cannot do my work. I am going to gas myself."

While they were having tea in a café she noticed that his hands were swollen. He said he had tried to gas himself, and that he would take his life unless he received a letter from her saying that she would come back and "keep with him for ever."

The Coroner: You did not write such a letter?—No, sir.

A verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was recorded.

WOOL TRADE DISPUTE.

TWO UNIONS TERMINATE THE STRUGGLE.

A joint statement issued yesterday by the Wool, Yarn, and Warehousemen's Union and the Yorkshire Managers' and Overlookers' Society of Woolcombers announced that the wool textile wages dispute, so far as their members were concerned, was at an end.

This was the first official intimation from any of the wool textile Trade Unions of a decision to return to work since the dispute began on April 7. These two organisations have 16,000 members.

MAIL AND STEAMSHIP NEWS.

(Note: l., left; d., due, c., called; p., passed; f., for: fr., from: a., arrived.)

THE MAILS.

AMERICAN MERCHANT (U.S.L.) New York f. London p. Lizard, 7.
ARACATACA (Elders and Fyffes) Santa Marta f. Bremerhaven p. Beachy Head, 7.
AURANIA (Cunard) London f. Montreal a. Southampton, 7.
BARADINE (P. and O.) Sydney f. London l. Melbourne, 7.
BERLIN (N.D.L.) Southampton f. New York p. Lizard, 7.
BIAFRA (African) Teneriffe f. London p. Dover, 7.
CALGARIC (W. Star) Montreal f. London p. Lizard, 7.
CHIRRIPO (Elders and Fyffes) f. Bremerhaven p. Dungeness, 7.
FRANCISCO (Ell. Wilson) fr. New York a. Hull, 7.
KARAGOLA (B.I.) fr. Port Natal a. Bombay, 7.
KHIVA (P. and O.) Yokohama f. London l. Hong Kong, 7.
KIDDERPORE (P. and O.) Kobe f. Bombay l. Colombo, 7.
LLANDAFF CASTLE (U.C.) f. London a. Algoa Bay, 7.
LYONS MARU (N.Y.K.) f. Yokohama l. Liverpool, 7.
MONTCLARE (Canadian Pacific) Montreal f. Hamburg p. Beachy Head, 7.
SAGAING (Henderson) Rangoon f. London p. Gibraltar, 7.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

ALCA f. Las Palmas l. London, 7.
FREDERICO SLAVIC f. Buenos Ayres l. Cardiff, 7.
KEEMUN f. Yokohama l. London, 7.
OLBERS fr. Barcelona a. London, 7.
UGO BASSI fr. Fiume a. London, 7.

YACHTING.

SHAMROCK TRIALS AT LYMINGTON.

BRITANNIA'S SUCCESS.

By OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

LYMINGTON, Saturday.

The fifth of the half-dozen special trial races arranged by the leading Solent yacht clubs with a view to help in the tuning up of Sir Thomas Lipton's new America Cup challenger, Shamrock V., took place to-day under the auspices of the Lymington Yacht Club, whose second annual regatta for the big classes it was. In addition to this special race, the programme included matches for the 12-metre and 8-metre boats, as well as races for all the Solent classes.

There were excellent entries for all the events. Major Cyril Potter, O.B.E., offered a cup for the big cutters, and there were also cash prizes of £30, £20, and £15.

The starters at 10.30 a.m. were Sir Thomas J. Lipton's Shamrock V., the King's Britannia, Lord Camrose's Cambria, Lord Waring's White Heather, Mr. A. A. Paton's Lulworth; and Mr. H. A. Andreae's Candida. They were set to sail a course of about thirty-eight sea miles. Britannia, Shamrock V., Lulworth, and White Heather were sailing level, and allowing Candida three minutes forty-eight seconds and Cambria five minutes twenty-three seconds.

The two seventy-five footers, Candida and Cambria, judged the gun well and had the best of the start, Shamrock V. crossing the line a minute late. Lulworth, which was last away, not crossing until nearly three minutes after the gun. They had a reach to the westward, the breeze, which was north-easterly, being moderate to strong. At Ryde West Middle Buoy, which was the most eastern mark, Britannia led, followed by Candida, Shamrock, and Cambria, with Lulworth and White Heather astern. They reached back to the Lymington buoy in that order, the times at the end of the first round being:—

	H.	M.	S.
Britannia	12	13	30
Candida	12	15	30
Shamrock V.	12	15	42
Cambria	12	17	44
Lulworth	12	18	45
White Heather	12	21	30

There was no change in this order when they rounded the Ryde West Middle buoy the second time. On the reach home, with the breeze a bit more easterly, Shamrock took second place and Lulworth passed Cambria. The finishing times were:—

	H.	M.	S.
Britannia	1	59	44
Shamrock	2	5	26
Candida	2	5	59
Lulworth	2	9	35
Cambria	2	10	3
White Heather	2	13	56

On corrected time Candida took the second prize, and Cambria secured third prize by a narrow margin from Shamrock V. The official placings were:—

	H.	M.	S.
Britannia	1	59	44
Candida	2	2	11
Cambria	2	4	40
Shamrock V.	2	5	26
Lulworth	2	9	35
White Heather	2	13	56

Mr. John R. Payne's Vanity was a non-starter in the match for the International 12-metre class, which was for prizes of £25, £15, and £10. The competitors were Mr. T. Sopwith's Movette, the Earl of Essex's Rhona, Mr. Benj. S. Guinness's Iris, Sir William Burton's Iyruna, Mr. C. R. Fairey's Flica, and Mr. J. Lauriston Lewis's Lucilla. They started at 10.45 a.m. to sail a course of twenty-four sea miles, twice round the East Lepe and Lymington Spit buoys.

The start was a much better one than in the previous race Iris was well suited by the weight in the wind, and led at the end of the first round, though there was little in it between the first three boats, as will be seen by the following official times for the first round:—Iris, 12 hr. 15 min. 7 sec.; Lucilla, 12 hr. 15 min. 13 sec.; Flica, 12 hr. 15 min. 27 sec.; Iyruna, 12 hr. 16 min. 29 sec.; Rhona, 12 hr. 17 min. 10 sec.; Movette, 12 hr. 17 min. 45 sec.; Lucilla, which is the only new boat of the season, took the lead on the second circuit, and led the fleet home for the first time. The only other change in the order was Movette displacing Rhona as fifth boat

The official finishing times for the race were Lucilla, 1 hr. 49 min. 15 sec.; Iris, 1 hr. 50 min. 3 sec.; Flica, 1 hr. 51 min. 2 sec.; Iyruna, 1 hr. 53 min. 19 sec; Movette, 1 hr. 56 min. 9 sec.; Rhona, 1 hr. 56 min. 37 sec.

The racing in the smaller classes was very interesting, and some of the boats met with mishaps. The official results were:—

INTERNATIONAL 8-METRE CLASS.—Mona (Lord Forster), 2 hr. 7 min. 14 sec.; Severn (R. B. Worth), 2 hr. 9 min. 4 sec.; Finona (H. Johnson), 2 hr. 9 min. 54 sec.; Suzette (E T Peel), 2 hr. 10 min. 11 sec.; Cutty (Captain W. H. Downman), 2 hr. 10 min. 47 sec.; June (Sir Howard Frank), 2 hr. 11 min. 55 sec.

INTERNATIONAL 6-METRE CLASS.—Prudence (K. H. Preston), 2 hr. 35 min. 38 sec.; Priscilla (S. Russell Cooke), 2 hr. 36 min. 7 sec.; Zenith (Miss E. Lewis), 2 hr. 37 min. 52 sec.; Felma (F. A. Richards), 2 hr. 38 min. 40 sec.

WEST SOLENT RESTRICTED CLASS.—Melody (R. E. and C. S. Gardner), 2 hr. 20 min. 12 sec.; Squirrel (Miss D. Chetwynd), 2 hr. 21 min 2 sec.; Sapphire (Hon. Mrs. Cecil Brownlow, 2 hr 21 min. 21 sec.; Dinah (G. S. Burge), 2 hr 21 min. 41 sec.

SOLENT SUNBEAM CLASS.—Fay (Mrs. H. Reynolds), 2 hr. 51 min 2 sec.; Bryony (Col. Morrison Bell) 2 hr. 54 min.

HANDICAP BY RATING CLASS.—Josephine (J. Dudley Head), 3 hr. 11 min. 55 sec.; Monson (W F. Nutt), 3 hr. 16 min. 25 sec.

X ONE-DESIGN CLASS.—Ajax (Mrs. G. D. Russell), 3 hr. 13 min.

ALEXANDRA YACHT CLUB.

An early start accounted for the fact that only four started in the sweepstake for Thames Estuary boats. Streak o' Dawn, who led them on the first round, stood on to win by a minute, the finishing times being: Streak o' Dawn (Norman Sarra and Wixley), 11 hr. 32 min. 55 sec.; Game Hen (Messrs. Ewing), 11 hr. 33 min. 50 sec.; Modesty (F. Hill), 11 hr. 35 min. 58 sec.; Vanite (Mouhouse and Garon), 11 hr. 41 min. 58 sec.

NORE YACHT CLUB.

Two races were decided yesterday, the motor-boat event being won by the Commodore (Mr. Gus Weber), with Nortigal second. The Thames Estuary Class race provided Effangee with a runaway victory, the finishing times being Effangee, 11 hr. 8 min. 39 sec.; Gus, 1 hr. 14 min. 25 sec.

TAMESIS CLUB.

At Hampton Wick the Tamesis Club had entered for the international 14-ft. dinghy class and the B.R.A. 12-footers, but owing to a number of members having made the journey to Laleham, where they will compete to-morrow for the Rouse Ebbett Cup, it was decided to substitute a sweepstake. Three started at 3.15 p.m., viz. Mr R. Atkin's Papyrus, Mr. T. Lavender's Tyne, and Mr. C. Zoeller's Miladi. The first named led home after sailing four rounds, but failed to give the time allowance to Miladi.

ROYAL CANOE CLUB.

At Trowlock Island six boats turned out at 3.20 p.m. to sail six rounds of the course in Teddington Reach. The result was:—Genetta (E. Freeman). 4 hr 8 min. 20 sec., 1; Venture (H. J. Deane), 4 hr. 11 min. 5 sec. 2; Senora (W. B. Statham), 3.

HAMBLE RIVER SAILING CLUB.

Ideal weather favoured this club's weekly sailing at Hamble. In the big handicap class Ancora (Mr. W. G. Luke) was first, and Heroine (Captain Nelson) second. Barbara met with a mishap, and had to give up. In the small handicap class Moyezerka was first, Twinkle second, and Jonquil third. In the X class Satir (Mr. S. Brickwood) first, Ann Ex (Mr. Leslie Wilson) second, Stepaxide third. In the dinghy class Ronnie was first, Star second, and Dorothy third. Eight started.

HENLEY SAILING CLUB.

The long-distance race for the Peach Cup was decided at Shiplake yesterday over two rounds of Marsh Lock and Wargrave Bridge course. The start was at 2.30 p.m. In a N.W. breeze, Tim opened away from the fleet, and won by over three minutes. the first three being timed thus:—Tim (Mr. P. Richardson), 3 hr. 50 min. 14 sec., 1; Togo III. (Mr. G. C. English), 3 hr., 53 min. 16 sec., 2; Yo-Ho-Ho (Mr. G. M. Burge), 3 hr. 59 min. 4 sec., 3.

ROYAL BURNHAM Y.C.

At Burnham-on-Crouch a fleet of nine boats responded to the starting-gun at 10.45 a.m. to sail a long course of 25 sea miles. A great race was seen between the three leading craft, which were timed across the finishing line inside half a minute. The times were: Persephone (H. B. and F. J. Pitcher), 2 h. 4 m., 1; Erin (Austin O'Connor), 2 h. 4 m. 12 s., 2; Poppet II. (H. T. Holloway), 2 h. 4 m. 30 s., 3.

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FENCING.

AN ANGLO-DUTCH MATCH.

DECISIVE BRITISH VICTORY.

By LEON BERTRAND.

Yesterday, at Ranelagh, the Epée Club staged one of the most attractive fixtures of their programme. This was a match against the Haagsche Schermvereeniging 'S-Gravenhage of Holland and, pleasant to relate, ended in a handsome victory for the Club by 26—10. Throughout the contest the visitors were outfought, and at no time were they less than three points behind the victors.

The home team commenced in auspicious fashion, taking the first four bouts. The Hon. I. D. Campbell-Gray defeated Jhr. J. D. H. de Beaufort, B. Childs accounted for O. L. Eschauzier, C. L. de Beaumont beat J. Loranchet, and R. C. Dicker succeeded against F. Smit before J. A. Van Hamel claimed a win for The Hague by defeating the British champion, L. V. Fildes. M. D. V. Holt then scored at J. Schoon's expense, and closed the first round in the Club's favour by 5—1.

The Dutch fencers enjoyed their greatest measure of success in the second round, when they held their opponents at 3 all, despite losing the first two assaults. Herein Childs brought off an excellent riposte from tierce at the arm against de Beaufort, and de Beaumont prevailed over Eschauzier. Then followed good wins by Loranchet and Smit against Dicker and Fildes respectively. An interesting fight ensued between Holt and Van Hamel. The former is a most spectacular swordsman, and his point seems to menace the sword-arm from all manner of angles. Van Hamel defended stoutly before he succumbed to a parry and riposte at the body. In the last encounter of this series Schoon won against Dicker and brought the score to 8—4.

Any prospect of a close and exciting finish vanished in the third round. The Epée Club forged steadily ahead, and the figures reached 13—4 before Schoon defeated Childs with an attack at the body.

The Hague Club mustered two excellent victories in the fourth series. De Beaufort executed a fine stop on Dicker's sword-arm, and Campbell-Gray was similarly arrested by Smit's point, but Fildes beat Eschauzier, Holt defeated Loranchet, and with Child's bind in "second" on Van Hamel the end was in sight. The score was now 16—7, the Club requiring three more wins to be assured of the match. Two assaults later the home side were safe from defeat. Now we looked confidently to Holt to make matters certain. He, however, caused a mild flutter by losing to Eschauzier, whose flèche clearly took him by surprise. Nevertheless, Campbell-Gray made amends in the next bout with a stop on Loranchet's shoulder. Details:—

EPEE CLUB.—de Beaumont, 6—0: Childs and Holt, 5—1; Campbell-Gray and Fildes, 4—2; Dicker, 2—4 Total, 26 wins.

HAAGSCHE SCHERMVEREENIGING 'S-'S-GRAVENHAGE.—Schoon, 3—3; Smit and Van Hamel, 2—4: de Beaufort, Eschauzier and Loranchet, 1—5. Total 10 wins

CADETS AT OLYMPIA.

THE R.M.A. FIELD THREE FIRSTS.

By M. POLLOCK SMITH.

Six days of combat have been necessary to decide the Services and Inter-Services Foil, Epée, and Sabre titles at Olympia, yet no competitors to date have appeared more earnest than the twenty-seven young swordsmen who answered yesterday's roll. It was Cadets' day, and a serious occasion for those contesting the Foil, Sabre, and Bayonet Inter-Service titles. Majors, pilots, and even admirals might take their defeats as a joke, but not so the cadets. Esprit de corps was a strong feature, and each man fought with a slightly grim good humour, for the honour of "the Service."

The R.A.F. fielded a lonely representative each in the Foil and Sabre, considering which Eeles's qualification for the Foil final was an achievement, while the total results proved a great triumph for the R.M.A., whose sole representative in each weapon—Stirling-Wilkinson Foil, Brook-Webb Sabre, and Hodges Bayonet—gained premier honour.

Of the R.N.'s fifteen entrants ten reached the finals, and two—Hare and Tier—shared second Bayonet place with Stockley, R.M., the latter being the only one of the three Marine cadets to reach his final.

The R.M.C. put up one Sabreur—Scott, and one foilist—King, who secured second and third positions respectively, to share "placing" honours with the R.N.R., who, represented by Knapp in the Foil, and Willoughby, Sabre, also won a second and third respectively.

In the Foil final, with one round to go, Stirling-Wilkinson led 4—0, with King and Knapp each 3—1. Knapp's last hit victory over King deservedly won him second place. Stirling-Wilkinson secured the title when his strong attacks beat Hudson 4—0, and the event closed with Oliver fourth, through beating Eeles 4—1.

When in the Sabre Brook-Webb scored a "point 1—2" attack over Carew the championship was won, but second place was decided between Scott and Willoughby when the former, from 3-all, won a fine "feint point, cut wrist," after an excellent assault. Hodges was not sure of his bayonet victory until he beat Tier 3—1 in a lively fight, Tier thereby tieing with Hare and Stockley. Scores:—

FOIL.—G.C. (Corpl.) L. S. Stirling-Wilkinson, R.M.A., 5—0—4 1; Cadet T. H. Knapp, R.N.R., 4—1—9, 2; G.C. E. R. King, R.M.C., 3—2—11, 3; Mid. A. G. Oliver, R.N., 2—3—14, 4; F.-Cadet H. Eeles, R.A.F., 1—4—18, 5; Act.-Sub-Lieut. Hudson, R.N., 0—5—20, 6. Style prize.—Knapp.

SABRE.—G.C. (Sergt.) A. V. Brook-Webb, R.M.A., 5—0, 1; G.C. C. R. Scott, R.M.C., 4—1, 2; Cadet J. E. T Willoughby, R.N.R., 3—2, 3; Actg.-Sub.-Lieut. P. L. Jamieson, R.N. 2—3, 4; Actg.-Sub.-Lieut. Carew, R.N., 1—4, 5; Cadet V. L. Darbyshire, R.N., 0—5, 6. Style prize.—Scott.

BAYONET.—G.C. (Corpl.) H. R. L. Hodges, R.M.A., 5—1 1; Actg.-Sub.-Lieut. M. Hare, R.N., Prob. 2nd Lieut. G H. Stockley, R.M., and Cadet E. R. A Tier, R.N. each 4—2, equal 2nd; Mid. G. J S. Gay, R.N. 2—4, 5, Mid. E G. Clutton, R.N., and Cadet N. Scott-Elliott, R.N., each 1—5, equal 6th.

ETON COLLEGE BEATEN.

Eton College entertained Ashley Green Fencing Club in four-a-side matches with épée and foil at Eton, the visitors winning both series with an aggregate of eleven defeats to twenty-one. Results:—

FOIL.—Ashley Green F.C.: Law (M.), 0 defeats; Smith, 1 defeat; Barnes (G.), 2 defeats; Law (S.), 3 defeats. Total, 6 defeats. Eton College: Mason and Meredith-Hardy, each 2 defeats; Bamfylde and Maringis, each 3 defeats. Total, 10 defeats.

EPEE.—Ashley Green F.C.: Barnes (A.) and Baker, each 0 defeats; Barnes (G.), 2 defeats; Lee, 3 defeats. Total, 5 defeats. Eton College: Meredith-Hardy, 2 defeats; Bamfylde, Mulgrave, and ffrench-Blake, each 3 defeats. Total, 11 defeats.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Many marksmen assembled at Bisley yesterday. They were handicapped by a strong wind.

The results of the Royal Air Force prize meeting, which was held during the week, were officially announced as follows:—

COMMAND CHALLENGE CUP (teams of eight under Queen Mary Prize conditions).—Inland Area (1,203), 1; Iraq (1 120), 2; Coastal Area (1,111), 3.

PAST AND PRESENT MATCH (teams of eight).—Past members 1.087; Serving Members, 1,076.

UNIVERSITIES INTER-SQUADRON MATCH (teams of four under King's Prize, Second Stage, conditions).—Oxford U. (541) 1; Cambridge U. (499), 2

J. C. HALAHAN CUP (King's Prize, Second Stage, conditions).—A C. B Hall (Eastchurch), 140.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE FORCE.—Cpl. Willott (Eastchurch) won the championship, the Duke of Sutherland's Cup, and the N.R.A. and R.A.F. Silver Medals with a score of 340.

THE PARTON REVOLVER CHALLENGE CUP.—Flight-Lieut. C. W. Hill (Henlow).

The City R.C. beat the Shanghai R.C. in a cable match by 21 points. In the City R.C. spoon shoot E. G McCartney and E. Bates tied with 99 each, while in the North London R.C. A. Orchardson and G. F. Booth also tied with scores of 99. In the Surrey Counties R.A. competition Major Talbot Smith made the fine score of 103 points out of a possible 105. The South London R.C. competition was won by W. L. S. Alton with a score of 99.

UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB.

At Bourne End yesterday the International 14-ft. Dinghy Class raced in the morning, the results being:—Flying Fox (R Clifford Freeman), 12 h. 26 min. 17 sec., 1; Siskin (H. F. Edwards), 12 h. 27 min. 16 sec., 2; Maybe (S. R. Brown), 12 h. 28 min. 23 sec., 3.

In the afternoon the racing ended as follows:—Siskin, 4 h 30 min. 34 sec., 1; Merlin, 4 h. 32 min. 50 sec., 2; Flying Fox 4 h. 33 min., 3.

In the morning H. D. Morgan's Kismet beat H. H. Tregoning's Elsa, and in the afternoon Major Willoughby's Myosotis beat Elsa by 3 min.

TWICKENHAM YACHT CLUB.

A combined handicap and match for the B.R.A. 12-footers was sailed at Twickenham. Thelma again led the fleet home, but failed to give the time allowance to Snipe, which took first prize. The corrected times were: Snipe (G. B. Palmer), 11 h. 46 m. 30 s., 1; Thelma (C. Emery), 11 h. 52 m. 34 s., 2; Dotterell (J. Coomb), 11 h. 56 m. 24 s., 3. The match was won by No. 2 (C. Adams), who beat No. 11 (C. Bubb) by 3 minutes.

Lawn Tennis.

BRITAIN WIN DAVIS CUP DOUBLES.

FLUCTUATING STRUGGLE AT EASTBOURNE.

AUSTRALIA STILL LEADING.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

EASTBOURNE, Saturday.

Great Britain won the Doubles in the Davis Cup tie against Australia at Devonshire Park here to-day, and raised hopes which the two Singles reverses on Friday had almost quelled. I. G. Collins and Dr. J. C. Gregory defeated J. B. Crawford and H. O. Hopman by three sets to none (8—6, 10—8, 6—2).

Our Davis Cup pair thus retained their unbeaten record in the competition, and this victory must further enhance their reputation of being one of the greatest Doubles pairs in the world.

The Australians had won both Singles on Friday, and had only to win the Doubles to-day to qualify for the semi-final. For the present their progress is checked, though they lead with two matches to one. Everything now depends on Monday's Singles, victory in either of which will put Australia into the fourth round.

A eulogy of Gregory and Collins does not, however, convey entirely the story of the match. It does not take into account that Crawford, on the Australian side, was playing something of a lone hand, which was perhaps the most surprising aspect of the play. A preliminary estimate would have been incomplete without a reference to the variability of Crawford. But most of us would have assumed that Hopman would have played his part to the full. He was probably put off his game by the ineffectiveness of his service, which yielded too many double faults and came in for heavy punishment from the Englishmen.

Resourceful Crawford.

Both Gregory and Collins returned the service well—which is half the battle—but Crawford's was at least well enough placed to command a certain amount of respect. Hopman did some brilliant things in the rallies, particularly in his low backhand volleys, but his overhead smashes just lacked sufficient power to prevent the clever returns of the Englishmen when they were defending at the back of the court. Crawford all through was sound and resourceful, and had he had more consistent support the match must have been a much closer one.

The first two sets were immensely exciting, and the packed stands were in the mood to enjoy the lawn tennis to the full. Crawford opened with the service, and Australia won the first game to fifteen, though the Englishmen's point was due to a subtle and well-conceived lob into the sun, which Crawford hit into the net. That was Collins's first master stroke, and the forerunner of many to come. Gregory replied by winning his service game to 15, and then came the first break through, Hopman's service yielding, as it so often did afterwards. Collins's was in danger of going the way of Hopman's, but he saved it by serving two outright winners to Hopman's backhand when Australia held the vantage point.

The break through looked sufficient to give Britain the set at 6—4, but the Australians made a great fight and took Gregory's in the tenth game, to level matters at 4 all. Crawford's was the next to go, and after an exciting game of smashing and counter-lobbing Britain led 7—6, Gregory making no mistake this time, and clinching the set in the next game. The service was more frequently broken through in the second set, but it was due in a larger degree to the brilliance of the return of service than to the poverty of the serving itself. Great Britain again had the initiative, for Hopman's service was won in the first and fifth games, though Gregory had again dropped his in the fourth. Once more Britain led 5—4, with the service to follow, and, as it was Collins's, and he had so far won all his, mostly with ease, things looked even brighter than they had in the first set.

Collins Falters.

Collins, however, faltered for the first time at this stage and though his hesitance served only to spur Gregory on to a burst of his typically huge brilliance. Collins' service was twice sacrificed, but as Hopman's was correspondingly won for Great Britain, thanks very largely to Gregory, the Englishmen held their head above water, and when, for the fourth time in the set Hopman's service was again bagged, Collins steadied himself sufficiently to redeem his and give his side a two-sets lead.

The moral advantage of this lead was obvious. Gregory and Collins let themselves go and the Australians could do nothing to stem the fury of their attack. They quickly jumped into a lead of four love in the third set and the match was virtually over. Crawford and Hopman each held their service games towards the end, but they were powerless to win an English service.

With less hanging to it, it would still have been a fine match. Hopman was not outclassed, for much of his play in the rallies was of the highest order. The Englishmen, however, had a little more snap and the courage to go all out for victory. From the outset the Australians advanced and retired uniformly and carried out the first principles of positioning, whereas Gregory was in the beginning a little inclined to hang back. Even so, there was an almost unique understanding between the pair. It now remains to be seen if Gregory and H. G. N. Lee can turn the tables on the Australians in single and yet snatch a victory. Results:—

Dr. J. C. Gregory and I. G. Collins (Great Britain) beat J. B. Crawford and H. O. Hopman (Australia) 8—6, 10—8 6—2.

JAPAN WIN FIRST MATCH AGAINST SPAIN.

BARCELONA, Saturday.

In the first Singles match of the third round Davis Cup tie between Japan and Spain, Y. Ohta (Japan) beat A. Juanico (Spain), 6—1, 3—6, 6—2, 6—2.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

SHALES OUTCLASSED.

JAMESON'S SUCCESS IN NORTH LONDON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Miss Ryan and C. O. Jameson were the winners of the singles championships of North London at the Gipsy Club, Stamford Hill. Miss Ryan beat Miss Sarah Palfrey by 6—1, 8—6, and Jameson got the better of J. H. Shales by 7—5, 6—0. As was only natural, Miss Palfrey, meeting Miss Ryan for the first time, could not quickly accustom herself to the conditions of play which confronted her In her attempts to get underneath the chopped returns sent over by Miss Ryan she found herself hitting out of court, and when she countered these chopping tactics by exceptionally low trajectory driving she was often left standing by a drop shot almost on top of the net. To add to her troubles she had a bad attack of "double-faultitis" in one game.

The second set found the seventeen-year-old American girl beginning to get the hang of Miss Ryan's game. For the first time in the match she led, at 2—1, and, though Miss Ryan was in front at 5—2, a splendid fighting rally in which powers of deduction and technical skill marched harmoniously together, carried Miss Palfrey to 6—5. She failed to get the next game, and in the thirteenth another double-fault gave Miss Ryan the game and a lead which proved fatal to her opponent.

The final of the Men's Singles was a comparatively tame affair. Shales was hitting the ball harder than Jameson, who, mixing cut and spin in his strokes, appeared at first content to let the other man make the pace, and a 5—3 lead to Shales surprised nobody.

Attempting to hurry up and finish the set Shales found that Jameson had hidden reserves of pace and volleying powers, and the set went to Jameson at 7—5. This cool snatching of a set from right under his nose clearly upset Shales, who could not bring out anything like his true form in the second set, and Jameson, introducing an occasional spice of volleying or hard hitting into his normal style, had no trouble in making the match safe. Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES.—Final: G. O. Jameson beat J. H. Shales 7—5, 6—0.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Final: Miss Ryan beat Miss S. Palfrey 6—1. 8—6.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: D. H. Williams and H. S. Hillier beat D. R. Bhasin and H. L. Soni, 6-3, 6—2.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: Miss E. Cross and Miss S. Palfrey beat Miss Ryan and Miss E. R. Clarke, 6—4, 3—6, 6—2.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Final: E. Higgs and Miss Ryan beat W. A. R. Collins and the Hon. Mrs. G. Corbett, 6—2. 6—0

ST. GEORGE'S HILL FINALS.

MIKI RETAINS MEN'S SINGLES CHALLENGE CUP.

By HAMILTON PRICE.

In retaining the Men's Singles Challenge Cup at St. George's Hill, Weybridge, R. Miki did what was expected, for, in the absence of H. G. N. Lee and G. P. Hughes, he was the best all-round player in the tournament.

Miki quickly found a length and won the first set to love in a very few minutes, but D R. Rutman was undismayed and showed really good form in the second set. The Japanese, in the third set, served well, and kept Rutnam away from the net. He won by 6—0, 5—7, 6—2, and he ought not to have lost a set.

A nasty cross-wind troubled both Miss Jenny Sandison and Miss Vera Montgomery, in the Women's Singles Final, which Miss Sandison won by 6—2, 6—3. The winner was severe all through, and she was very accurate, considering the conditions. She drove with depth, and went for the lines with great daring. Miss Montgomery was at least half-fifteen below her form.

J. J. Lezard and Miss E. M. Dearman, in the Mixed Doubles Final, beat C. H. Watson and Miss E. F. Rose by 2—6, 6—1, 6—3. Miss Dearman held her own in cross-court driving with Miss Rose, in an old-fashioned Mixed Doubles, and Watson was quite efficient.

Glover and S. F. Hepburn beat Miki and W. H. Powell by 6—4, 7—9, 6—0 in the Men's Doubles Final, and Miss N. M. Lyle and Miss Dearman won the Women's Doubles Final from Miss M. C. Scriven and Miss S. K. Johnson by 4—6, 6—0, 9—7. Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES.—Final: R. Miki beat D. R. Rutnam 6—0, 5—7, 6—2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Final: Miss J. Sandison beat Miss V. H. Montgomery 6—2. 6—3.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: Cmdr. P. F. Glover, R.N., and S. F. Hepburn beat R. Miki and W. H. Powell, 6—4, 7—9, 6—0.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: Miss N. M. Lyle and Miss E. M. Dearman beat Miss M. Scriven and Miss S. K. Johnson, 4—6. 6—0, 9—7.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Final: J. J. Lezard and Miss E. M. Dearman beat C. H. Watson and Miss E. F. Rose 2—6, 6—1, 6—3.

BELGIAN TITLE FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

BRUSSELS, Saturday.

With Miss Ridley and Mrs. Haylock in the semi-finals of the Women's Singles, and H. K. Lester in the semi-final of the Men's Singles, Great Britain had a chance of securing one of the Belgian titles when play was begun to-day. Of the official British team only E. C. Peters had been defeated, but the opening match this afternoon eliminated Miss Ridley, who went down to the leading French woman player, Mme. Mathieu, after a hard fight. Mrs. Haylock, however, entered the final by beating the Belgian champion, Mlle. J. Sigart.

Late in the afternoon Great Britai nwon the Women's Doubles title, Mrs. Haylock and Miss Joan Ridley defeating the formidable French pair, Mme. Mathieu and Mme. Barbier after a terrific duel which went to 32 games. In the semi-final of the Men's Doubles the official British pair, E. C. Peters and H. K. Lester scored another success over France, beating Lesueur and Combemale in straight sets. Results:—

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—SEMI-FINALS: Mme. Mathieu (France) beat Miss Joan Ridley (Great Britain), 6—2, 5—7, 6—3; Mrs. R. E. Haylock (Great Britain) beat Mlle. J. Sigart (Belgium), 6—4, 2—6. 8—6.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: Mrs. R. E. Haylock and Miss Joan Ridley (Great Britain) beat Mme. Barbier and Mme. Mathieu (France), 9—7, 9—7.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Semi-final: E. C. Peters and H. K. Lester (Great Britain) beat J. Lesueur and P. Combemale (France), 6—2. 6—2, 6—3.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

BEDFORD TOURNAMENT.

S. W. Harris beat F. H. Jarvis by 6—2, 9—7 in the final of the Men's Singles at the Bedford tournament, and Mrs. Mellows beat Mrs. M. A. O. Mayne in the Women's Singles final by 8—6, 6—4. Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES.—Final: S. W. Harris beat F H. Jarvis. 6—2, 9—7.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Final: Mrs. Mellows beat Mrs. M. A. O. Mayne, 8—6. 6—4.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: S. W. Harris and O. Wright beat J. E. Dawes and G. Thompson, 6—2, 6—2

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: Mrs. M. A. O. Mayne and Mrs Mellows beat Mrs. H. R. C. Martin and Mrs Crossley, 4—6, 6—4. 6—4.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Final: B. Lawrence and Mrs. Mellows beat S. W. Harris and Miss McTier, 6—3, 6—2.

CHELTENHAM TOURNAMENT.

G. E. Godsell and Mrs. C. G. McIlquham won the Men's and Women's Singles at the Cheltenham tournament. Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES.—Final: G. E. Godsell beat Major N. G. Holmes, 8—6, 6—0.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Final: Mrs. C. G. McIlquham beat Miss E. Hemmant 6—2, 6—3.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Final.—Major N. G. Holmes and C. H Applewhaite beat G. E. Goodsell and J. M Smith 2—6, 6—1, 6—1

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: Mrs. C. G. McIlquham and Miss E. Hemmant beat Miss E. Perry and Miss Kay Smith 8—6, 6—0.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Final: C. G. McIlquham and Mrs. McIlquham beat Major N. G. Holmes and Mrs A. V. Bridge 6—2. 3—6, 7—5.

ITALY LEADING AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Saturday.

The third round Davis Cup tie between Austria and Italy was continued here to-day, and as a result of the Doubles match Italy gained a lead of two matches to one. The winners of this match meet either Australia or Great Britain in the semi-final. Results:—

DOUBLES.—H. L. de Morpurgo and P. Gaslini (Italy) beat H. Artens and F. Matejka (Austria), 9—11, 8—6, 6—1, 1—6, 6—4.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

NORTHERN TOURNAMENT.

There were two well-contested Singles finals at the Northern Tournament at Liverpool. J. S. Olliff beat Nigel Sharpe in the Men's Singles by 6—4, 6—4, 2—6, 8—6. and Mrs. F. M. Strawson defeated Miss D. E. Anderson in the Women's Singles by 4—6. 6—4, 6—4. Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES.—Final: J. S. Olliff beat N. Sharpe 6—4, 6—4, 2—6, 8—6.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Final: Mrs. F. M. Strawson beat Miss D. E. Anderson 4—6, 6—4, 6—4.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: N. Sharpe and J. S. Olliff beat D. M. Greig and B. Howard Baker 6—4, 4—6, 2—6, 6—2 8—6.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: Miss D. E. Anderson and Miss McAlpine beat Mrs. Strawson and Miss J. Ingram 5—7. 7—5. 6—4.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD.

Cambridge added to their long list of victories over Oxford in Inter-Varsity Lawn Tennis yesterday, when at Cambridge they won on Fenner's Courts by 18 matches to 3 after two days' play. Since that event was started in 1881 the Light Blues have been successful on 22 occasions. Oxford have won fourteen matches and ten have been drawn.

On the first day's play Cambridge secured a lead of 8 to 3 and yesterday they swept the board, winning all of the remaining ten matches. Details:—

SINGLES.—E R Avory (Magdalene. Cambridge) beat J. F. G Lysaght (Christ Church). 6—0. 6—3; C. E. Malfroy (Trinity Hall. Cambridge) beat E. O. Mather (Lincoln). 3—6, 6—1. 6—1; K. C. Gander Dower (Trinity Cambridge) beat E. M. Buzzard (Magdalen). 3—6. 6—4. 6—2; R. J. Ritchie (Emanuel, Cambridge) beat H. C. Dhanda (St Catharine's) 6—1. 6—4; J. Charanjiva (Emanuel Cambridge) beat R K Tinkler (Balliol). 6—2. 6—3; C. A Magrane (Jesus, Cambridge) beat Dhanda. 6—4 6—1

DOUBLES.—Avory and Malfroy (Cambridge) beat Lysaght nd Lord Furneaux (Christ Church). 6—0. 6—3; Gandar Dower and Magrane (Cambridge) beat Mather and Buzzard. 6—1, 0—6. 6—1; Ritchie and Charanjiva (Cambridge) beat Mather and Buzzard 6—4. 7—5; beat Tinkler and B. W. Finnigan (Magdalen). 6—4, 6—2.

MISS ROUND RESTING FOR WIMBLEDON.

Miss D. Round, of Dudley, has scratched from the open events of the Priory Tournament at Edgbaston. She is reserving herself for the Wightman Cup match against the United States at Wimbledon on Friday and Saturday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

J. E. LONDON WINS THE SPRINT.

GABY BEATEN OVER HURDLES.

Despite the glorious weather, yesterday's meeting of the Middlesex County A.A.A. drew only a moderate attendance to Stamford Bridge. Many of the finest athletes in London were competing, including two A.A.A. champions.

There was a fair breeze against the sprinters, but J. E. London (Poly. H.), the A.A.A. champion, gave a convincing display in winning in 10 1-5 sec. to record his fourth successive victory.

F. R. Gaby's run of five successive wins was brought to an end in the hurdles, when he got away badly and fell heavily after hitting the fifth hurdle. A worthy successor was found in R. St. G. T. Harper (Achilles Club), who won easily in 15 sec. This time is only 1-10 sec. outside the best championship performance.

F. O. Tilbury, a member of the Enfield A.C., had little difficulty in retaining the one mile championship, for he led practically from start to finish, and his time was 4 min. 29 sec. Two of the best performances, however, were accomplished towards the close of the afternoon, for K. C. Brangwin (South London Harriers) won the quarter-mile in 50 3-5 sec., and W. E. Adamthwaite (Queen's Park Harriers) regained the four miles title in 20 min. 34 1-5 sec. Both times were championship records, and Brangwin's success was foreshadowed when, in the first heat, he defeated the holder, R. Leigh-Wood. D. M. L. Neame (Royal Navy and Royal Marines) was never in danger of losing the quarter-mile hurdles championship, and the Polytechnic quartet, which included Jack London, scored a comfortable victory in the 440 yards relay race. Details:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 YARDS.—J. E. London (Polytechnic H.) (holder), 1; W. J. Simmons (Polytechnic H.), 2; S. R Bailey (Enfield A.C.), 3. Won by 1½ yds. Time, 10 1-5 sec.

THROWING THE JAVELIN.—R. K. Davies (Oxford University), 147 ft. 4½ in., 1; M. H. Gibbs-Smith (Polytechnic H.), 138 ft. 8 in., 2; R. Noble (Belgrave H.), 117 ft. 5 in., 3.

HALF-MILE.—T. H. Scrimshaw (Belgrave H.), 1; T. Sargant (London A.C.), 2; L. L. Honeyman (Highgate H.), 3. Won by 1½ yds. Time, 2 min. 0 2-5 sec.

POLE JUMP.—E. F. Housden (South London H.), 11 ft., 1; H. L. Bowling (Ponders End A.C.), 10 ft. 6 in., 2; G. L. Edwards (Ponders End A.C.), 10 ft., 3.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—R. St. G. T. Harper (Achilles Club), 1; D. M. L. Neame (R.N. and R.M.A.A.A.), 2; Sgt. F. A. Foley (Surrey A.C.), 3. Won by 6 yds. Time, 15 sec.

220 YARDS.—F. S. Stagnall (Polytechnic H.), 1; H. J. Mead (Surrey A.C.), 2; E. W. Young (Polytechnic H), 3. Won by 3½ yds. Time, 23 2-5 sec.

LONG JUMP.—S. E. P. Edenborough (South London. H.), 21 ft. 11¾ in., 1; D. M. L. Neame (R.N. and R.M., A.A.A.), 21 ft. 5 in., 2; F. G. Livingstone (London A.C.), 21 ft. 3¾ in., 3.

THROWING THE DISCUS.—C. P. Best (Achilles Club) 117 ft. 10¾ in., 1; Sgt. F. A. Foley (Surrey A.C.), 116 ft. 7 in., 2; R. K. Davies (Oxford University A.C.), 106 ft. 3¾ in., 3.

TWO MILES WALK.—C. W. Hyde (Enfield A.C.) (holder) 1; A. E Plumb (North London H.), 2; J. F. Johnson (Enfield A.C.), 3. Won by 110 yds. Time, 14 min. 12 3-5 sec. (championship record).

ONE MILE.—F. O. Tilbury (Enfield A.C.) (holder), 1; D. A Trieb (Queen's Park H.), 2; E. J. Barnes (Enfield A.C.), 3. Won by 6 yds. Time, 4 min. 29 sec.

TUG-OF-WAR (Final).—L.G.O.C. S.A. beat Depot (Uxbridge) by 2 pulls to nil.

HIGH JUMP.—J. F. Michie (South London H.), 5 ft. 11 in., 1; A. R. James (South London H.) (holder), 5 ft. 10 in., 2; G. L. Edwards (Ponders End A.C.), 5 ft. 6 in., 3.

440 YARDS HURDLES.—D. M. L. Neame (R.N. and R.M. A.A.A.) (holder), 1; I. W. Stone (Unattached), 2; F. J. Blackett (London Fire Brigade and Surrey A.C.), 3. Won by 10 yds. Time, 66 4-5 sec.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.—A. Strang (Surrey A.C.), 39 ft. 7½ in., 1; C. P. Best (Achilles Club), 38 ft. 4¼ in., 2; J. G. Davies (South London H.), 27 ft. 9½ in., 3.

440 YARDS RELAY (4 x 110).—Polytechnic H. (J. F. Rice. F. L. Stagnall. W. J. Simmons, J. E. London), 1; Enfield A.C., 2; Highgate H. finished third, but were disqualified for overstepping mark in change-over. Won by 8 yds. Time 44 3-5 sec.

QUARTER-MILE.—K. C. Brangwin (South London H.), 1; F. W. Dawe (Polytechnic H.), 2; R. L. Rigby (Lensbury A.C.), 3. Won by 3 yds. Time, 50 3-5 sec.

FOUR MILES.—W E. Adamthwaite (Queen's Park H.), 1; S. H. Warboys (Belgrave H.), 2; J. G. Stubbs (South London H.), 3. Won by 40 yds. Time, 20 min 34 1-5 sec.

OTHER EVENTS.

LONG JUMP (Juniors, 14-16).—I. Stone (unattached), 18 ft. 0½ in., 1; R. Macpherson (unattached) and D. C. Higham (unattached), tied at 17 ft. 7½ in., 2; R. S. Hill (Orleans Boys' School A.A.), 17 ft. 6½ in., 3.

100 YARDS (Juniors, 16-18).—R. P. Sawkins (Southall County School A.C.), 1; G. E. Milburn (Finchley H.), 2; G. T. Bolton (Old Gaytonians A.C.), 3. Won by 1½ yds. Time, 11 sec

100 YARDS (Juniors, 14-16).—H. B. Taylor (Fitzroy Lodge A.C.), 1; C. T. Salmon (Enfield A.C.), 2; F. G. Skinner (Ealing County School A.A.), 3. Won by 3 yds. Time, 10 4-5 sec.

100 YARDS GRADED SCRATCH RACE.—D. G. Luxton (Enfield A.C.), 1; R. B. Butcher (Mitcham A.C.), 2; A. Freeman (Polytechnic H.), 3. Won by a yard Time, 10 3-5 sec.

ONE MILE GRADED SCRATCH RACE.—F. R. Webb (Belgrave H.), 1; C. R. Banks (Woodford Green A.C.), 2; H. L. W. Shepherd (Barclays Bank A.C.), 3. Won by 6 yds. Time, 4 min. 40 2-5 sec.

HIGH JUMP (Juniors, 16-18).—G. L. Edwards (Ponders End A.C.), 5 ft. 5 in., 1; F. Holland (unattached), 5 ft. 4 in., 2; G. Steinberger (Finchley H.) 5 ft. 1 in., 3.

LONG JUMP (Juniors).—F. Holland (Unattached), 19 ft. 11 in., 1; C. Ellenberg (Unattached), 19 ft 4½ in., 2; R. P. Sawkins (Southall County School A.C.), 19 ft. 0½ in., 3.

KENT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Kent County A.A.A. championships were held at Gravesend, and the results were:—

100 YARDS.—C. F. E. Howard (S.L.H.), 1; V. W. W. Beardon (Blackheath H.), 2; E. W. Button (Cambridge H.), 3. Time, 10 2-5 sec.

220 YARDS.—C. F E Howard (S.L.H.) (holder), 1; T. W. Barrett (Blackheath H.), 2; W. H. Hodge (Cambridge H.), 3. Time, 22 1-5 sec.

440 YARDS.—R. H. Beason (Poly. H.), 1; J. W. Toms (S.L.H.) (holder) 2; C G. Gibbs (Aylesford P.M.S.C.), 3. Time, 52 4-5 sec.

880 YARDS.—G. L. Rampling (L.A.C.) (holder), 1; A. W. Driver (Woolwich Poly. A.C.), 2; E. C. Shepherd (Cambridge H.), 3. Time, 2 min. 2 sec.

ONE MILE.—R. D. Bell (Blackheath H.) (holder), 1; F. Macey (City of Rochester A.C.), 2; J. Wiggans (Darnley A.C.), 3. Time, 4 min. 34 2-5 sec.

THREE MILES.—J. A. Waters (Aylesford P.M.S.C.), 1; H. W. Dockerill (Dartford H.), 2; N. L. Burt (Blackheath H.), 3. Time, 15 min, 28 4-5 sec.

TWO MILES WALK.—E. F. N. Presland (H.H.H.) (holder), 1; A. W. Trew (Cambridge H.), 2; D. W. Sayer (H.H.H.), 3. Time, 15 min. 11 4-5 sec.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—J. Sheffield (R.M.A.A.C.), 1; Lieut. J. Biddulph (L.A.C. and Army), 2; C. W. Harrison (Guy's A.C.), 3. Time, 16 3-10 sec.

HIGH JUMP.—J. Sheffield (R.M.A.A.C.), 5 ft. 6 in., 1, A. L. Wooley (Cambridge H.) (holder) and J. Biddulph (L.A.C. and Army) tied at 5 ft. 5 in.

LONG JUMP.—J. Tillman (Darnley A.C.), 21 ft. 1¾ in., 1; W. Hertzog (Guy's A.C. and S.L.H.) (holder), 21 ft., 2; L. D. Butler (Cambridge H.), 20 ft. 4½ in., 3.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.—P. Finlay (Darnley A.C.) (holder), 37 ft. 2½ in., 1; W. Hertzog (Guy's A.C and S.L.H.), 36 ft. 3½ in., 2; A. Rosser (Poly. A.C.), 35 ft. 7 in., 3.

THROWING THE DISCUS.—W. Hertzog (Guy's A.C. and S.L.H.) (holder), 113 ft. 5¾ in., 1; T. S. Gillies (9th Field Co. R.E.), 91 ft. 11¾ in., 2

SCOTTISH INTER-VARSITY SPORTS.

Edinburgh gained an easy victory in the Scottish Inter-Varsity sports at Aberdeen, scoring 50½ pts. Glasgow were second with 33⅔ pts., and Aberdeen third with 20⅔ pts. One record was broken in the field events, P. B. Barkla, of Edinburgh, winning the long jump with 22 ft. 3& in., as against the previous best figures of 22 ft. 2 in.

"SPORTING CHRONICLE" MARATHON

The Marathon Race for the *Sporting Chronicle* Trophy at Blackpool was won by H. Wood, of Ashton-in-Makerfield, whose time was 2 hr. 46 min. 44 2-5 sec. As this was Wood's third success in the race, he has won the trophy outright. D. Fish (Royton) was second, and E. T Bryant (Portsmouth) third. George Sutton (Winton Harriers), the winner of the Sheffield Marathon in 1929, and E. E. Leatherhead (Sutton-in-Ashfield), who won the first *Sporting Chronicle* Marathon Trophy outright, were among the competitors.

BEDFORDSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Several new county records were set up during the Bedfordshire championships meeting at Kempston, near Bedford. S. R. D. Southgayte again won the 260 yards and 220 yards championships. A feature of the field events was the defeat of J. Dalrymple, the Birchfield Harrier, who was placed second in the javelin-throwing contest, but he retained the hammer-throwing title. Other winners included T. P. Moll, the Old Cambridge Blue, who took both the high and long jumps: R. H. Thomas, the Royal Air Force champion and Olympic runner, who won the mile: and B. C. V. Oddie, another Olympic runner, who won the three mile.

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County Cricket.

A DAY OF CENTURIES.

BATSMEN ENJOY HARD WICKETS—M. D. LYON'S BIG SCORE.

SURREY PUNISH CHAMPIONS' BOWLING

The holiday cricket programme opened in sunshine. Wickets were dry, and in most instances the batsmen showed their appreciation of Nature's aid. There were a few exceptions, however. Cambridge University collapsed before the Australians, and were all out for 145—a very moderate score for a batsman's wicket. McCabe had four victims for 25 runs, and Bradman showed that he can also bowl by taking three wickets for 35 runs. E. T. Killick, who scored 48—in one hour and fifty minutes—was the only Cantab to offer anything approaching a stout resistance to the Australian attack.

Apart from Claude Woolley and A. P. Hawtin, the Northants batsmen were not very impressive at Leicester, where Astill and Geary bowled well for the home county. Middlesex made a poor start against Sussex at Lord's—where Tate took six of the first seven wickets—but Hendren, Lee, and Enthoven batted well, and the Middlesex score was not so moderate as at one time appeared likely.

For the rest it was a feast of runs. Surrey gave the champions a day's "leather hunting" at Nottingham. Hobbs failed, bowled by Larwood, but retribution quickly followed. There was a great second-wicket stand by Sandham and Ducat—Sandham scored a century; Ducat a double century.

Somerset ran up a big score against Gloucester at Taunton. The outstanding performer was M. D. Lyon, who played a fine innings for 210.

The first "Battle of the Roses" of the season began badly for Yorkshire at Leeds, for Holmes was quickly sent back by Duckworth, the Lancashire—and England—wicket-keeper, but a recovery soon set in, Leyland being the principal instrument. Lancashire's hopes of having a comparatively small first-innings total to level up are effectively dissipated.

Two batsmen—Storer and Townsend—scored centuries for Derbyshire against Warwick at Derby. Worcester had a good day at the expense of the Essex bowling at Leyton, where Nichol topped the hundred mark.

A fine second-wicket stand by Ashdown and Frank Woolley put Kent on their feet at Southampton. Both men just missed centuries.

D. R. Jardine scored 112 for the Free Foresters against the Dark Blues at Oxford, after the visitors had lost their first three wickets cheaply.

GREAT INNINGS BY ENTHOVEN.

107 FOR THE LAST WICKET.

By OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

There was great cricket at Lord's yesterday, many runs being earned by the free hitting of good bowling at a time when a solitary mistake by two batsmen would have meant disaster.

The last Middlesex wicket added 107 runs, and of these H. J. Enthoven, who once made a fighting century for Cambridge in a memorable match, scored 102. Price, the Middlesex wicket-keeper, scored 3 runs, and there were 2 byes. When Price came in to join Enthoven, the latter had scored 20 runs in eighty minutes. The spectators on the "popular" side of the ground had actually been indulging in mild barracking, yet half an hour later they were wildly cheering Enthoven as a hero.

Until this great last-wicket stand matters had not gone too well for Middlesex. Tate had struck some of his best form, and Middlesex had reckoned but 220 for nine on an excellent wicket.

There were good judges of the game who criticised Harold Gilligan for the last wicket affair. Tate, after lunch, was allowed to bowl for a solid two hours. It was true that Tate was getting men out, but it was also true that, when the crisis arrived for Sussex—and a crisis can always arrive in cricket, which is a joy—Tate was not able to dislodge Enthoven. Even after a rest, plus the tea interval, Tate was ineffective. More nursing would have done his side better service.

Tate went on again after tea, but Enthoven was right on top of the bowling, and, with 35 off twenty-six balls, he reached the century after two hours and twenty minutes' batting. This meant that his last 80 runs came in an hour.

Enthoven claimed sixteen 4's, four 3's, and thirteen 2's.

Duleepsinhji made a very fine catch, high up in the slips, to send back Enthoven.

Until he tired Tate bowled well. He had the assistance of a strong and gusty wind, but his pace was cleverly varied and his nip off the pitch so good that even Hendren was nonplussed. Prior to Enthoven's splendid realisation that a batsman has a mission in life, only Hendren and Lee (H. W.) showed good form.

Both G. T. S. Stevens and Nigel Haig were victims to Tate before 50 was on the board, and, although Hearne made some fine shots through the covers, he was out to a ball from Cook, when, apparently settled for a long stay, Cornford caught a snick behind the wicket. Hendren and Lee stayed together till just after lunch.

Then, at 150, Hendren turned a ball into the safe hands of Duleepsinhji at first slip—and Middlesex's troubles commenced.

Tate then had three further wickets in succession. Allen was caught at point by Parks off a tame stroke, Robins was hopelessly lbw, and Lee also discovered that Duleepsinhji was a safe slip. Newman made a few drives, but it was not until the Enthoven-Price partnership that the home side's total reached very respectable dimensions.

MIDDLESEX.—First Innings.

N. Haig, b Tate	17
G. T. S. Stevens, lbw, b Tate	18
Hearne, c Cornford, b Cook	20
Hendren, c Duleepsinhji, b Tate	49
Lee, c Duleepsinhji, b Tate	48
G. O. Allen, c Parks (J.), b Tate	11
R. W. V. Robins, lbw, b Tate	2
H. J. Enthoven, c Duleepsinhji, b Bowley	123
G. C. Newman, lbw, b Wensley	17
Canning, c Cornford, b Wensley	8
Price, not out	3
Extras	11
Total	327

SUSSEX.—First Innings.

Bowley, not out	10
A. H. Gilligan, not out	4
Extras	5
Total (0 wkts.)	19

K. S. Duleepsinhji, Parks (J.), Cook, Langridge (James), Parks (H.), Hollingdale, Tate, Wensley, and Cornford to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

MIDDLESEX.—First Innings: Tate, 6 for 92; Wensley, 2 for 72; Parks (J.), 0 for 28; Hollingdale, 0 for 25; Cook, 1 for 49; Langridge, 0 for 22; Bowley, 1 for 28.

FREE HITTING BY LYON.

GLOUCESTER FIELDING AT FAULT.

Some smart fielding on the part of Gloucestershire secured two wickets very early at Taunton in their match against Somerset, but a mistake in the field then cost the visitors dearly, and by lunch-time the home county had laid the foundation of a useful total.

M. D. Lyon, the old Cantab, was responsible for this state of affairs. With only 22 scored, catches in the slips sent back both Ingle and Longrigg, and another wicket should have fallen not long afterwards, Lyon, when 14, being missed by Goddard at mid-off. This fielding error proved most costly. Lyon, in the next over, punished Parker for three fours off successive deliveries, and hit him out of the ground for six, sending up 50 in three-quarters of an hour.

So rapidly did Lyon progress that he completed 50 in forty minutes, and Young, if not so free, rendered him valuable help. This pair pulled the game round splendidly, and when at length Young was bowled, they had put on 102 in fifty minutes. Joined by White, Lyon became very quiet in comparison with his previous enterprising cricket, but another 40 runs came at one a minute till Neale bowled the Somerset captain, and lunch was taken with the score 164 for four wickets, of which Lyon had made 98.

The first over after lunch saw Lyon complete his hundred—his first of the season—when he had batted an hour and forty minutes. This was his eleventh three-figure score for Somerset. Later, he drove Goddard for another six, the ball shattering the glass over the Press box, but, fortunately everybody escaped injury.

Lyon, who fell to a catch at long-on, gave only one chance in a stay of three hours and fifty minutes. He hit three 6's and twenty-three 4's. Hammond finished off the innings by taking the last three wickets in three overs for four runs. Gloucestershire wound up the day 351 behind with nine wickets to fall.

SOMERSET.—First Innings.

Young, b Hammond	33
E. F. Longrigg, c Lyon, b Barnett	1
R. A. Ingle, c Dacre, b Barnett	18
M. D. Lyon, c Barnett, b Goddard	210
J. C. White, b Neale	12
C. C. Case, lbw, b Sinfield	6
Lee (F.), c Stephens, b Goddard	49
Lee (J.), not out	13
Wellard, b Hammond	17
Hunt, b Hammond	4
Andrews, b Hammond	0
Extras	9
Total	372

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings.

Dipper, b Wellard	4
Sinfield, not out	10
B. H. Lyon, not out	7
Total (1 wkt)	21

Hammond, Smith, Dacre, Neale, Barnett, Stephens, Parker, and Goddard to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

SOMERSET.—First Innings: Sinfield, 1 for 45; Barnett, 2 for 32; Parker, 0 for 52; Hammond, 4 for 50; Goddard, 2 for 142; Neale, 1 for 42.

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NOTTS FARE BADLY.

SANDHAM AND DUCAT IN A BIG STAND.

Surrey had the good fortune to secure first innings against Notts at Trent Bridge, and though they lost Hobbs cheaply, Sandham and Ducat played such sterling cricket that they obtained a complete mastery, and by lunch-time had carried the score to 102 without further loss.

In his fourth over, with only 10 scored, Larwood secured Hobbs's wicket, the famous batsman chopping a ball wide on the off on to the stumps. Following this early disaster Sandham and Ducat played very quietly, the latter, indeed, being in for twenty minutes before scoring. Thus, the first hour's cricket yielded no more than 33. Later, however, runs came at a much better pace, although Carr repeatedly varied his attack. Sandham completed a faultless 50 out of 95 in an hour and fifty minutes, and five minutes later sent up the 100, and at the interval the pair, still together, had put on 92 runs.

After lunch Larwood bowled at his fastest, frequently making the ball rear up very high, but Barratt caused little trouble. Ducat, with two cuts for 4, reached 51 out of 102 in two hours, while Sandham also cut finely. Ducat hit two 4's from following balls from Larwood, and the first hour's play after lunch yielded 80. The 200 appeared after the game had been in progress three hours and a-quarter. Thoroughly set, the batsmen faced all the bowling with confidence, and a capital company enjoyed some delightful cricket.

Sandham completed 100—his first of the season—out of 207 in three hours and twenty minutes, and Ducat, in exactly the same time, got to three figures for the fourth time this season. Voce came on for another spell of bowling at 240, and took Sandham's middle stump with a no-ball. Tea found the pair still together with the score 290, but the second ball sent down by Barratt afterwards brought about a separation. The second wicket partnership had realised 280, Sandham occupying a trifle over four hours for his 152.

Sandham played superb cricket, and by perfectly timed cuts and strokes on the leg side obtained sixteen 4's. Two more wickets fell for the addition of 32, but Ducat and Fender then shared in a second big partnership. When at length Ducat was bowled he had made 218 out of 446 put on during the five hours and three-quarters. His chief hits were one 6 and twenty-eight 4's. The fifth wicket added 133 in seventy-five minutes. Fender fell two balls later, having made 63, with a 6 and seven 4's as his chief scoring strokes. At the close Surrey had scored 477 for six wickets.

SURREY.—First Innings.

Hobbs, b Larwood	5
Sandham, b Barratt	152
Ducat, b Staples (A.)	218
Shepherd, b Larwood	1
Barling, c Lilley, b Barratt	7
P. G. H. Fender, b Staples (A.)	63
Gregory, not out	4
Peach, not out	16
Extras	11
Total (6 wkts.)	477

M. J. C. Allom, Brooks, and Gover to bat.

NOTTS.—A. W. Carr, Gunn (G.), Whysall, Walker, Lilley, Payton, Staples (A.), Staples (S. J.), Barratt, Larwood, and Voce.

WORCESTER UNEVEN.

NICHOL AND FOX (V.) MASTER ESSEX ATTACK.

Worcestershire made a promising start against Essex at Leyton, where, on a fast pitch, they scored 84 runs before lunch for the loss of one wicket.

Opening the visiting county's innings, Wright and Fox (J.) made runs so readily that they sent up 50 in 55 minutes. Both men brought off some neat strokes, but Wright, when 25 with the total 57, narrowly escaped being run out from a smart return by Hipkin. The scoring rate then slackened considerably—so much so that no more than 12 runs were added in half an hour. In all, the first wicket pair scored 81 in 95 minutes. Then, in attempting a pull, Wright skied the ball to mid-on. Fox and Nichol batted cautiously until the interval.

On resuming, Nichol put life into the game when he found the pace of the pitch, and, after sending up the hundred in 2¼ hours, he hit Smith twice to the off-boundary in one over—both splendid strokes. Fox (J.), however, became quieter, getting only 6 runs in half an hour, and then he and Gibbons fell in one over from Daer. Staying 2½ hours for 43 out of 113, Fox made no mistake, if his batting never really impressed.

Victor Fox, next in, showed skill in placing the ball to leg, while Nichol used his off-drive effectively against Hipkin, but runs were always hard to get.

When the sun shone with sufficient power to temper the cold wind Nichol showed splendid form in off-driving, and two on-drives from Russell stirred the crowd to applause. Nichol completed 50 in ninety-five minutes by thoroughly good batting, and he received such valuable help from Victor Fox that in an hour and a-half before tea 92 runs were added, the players adjourning with the total 205 for three wickets, Nichol being 82 and Fox 29.

Nichol, profiting by an escape at slip when 85 completed his 100 in two hours thirty-five minutes with two splendid late-cuts from Nichols, but was bowled in the next over. Scoring 102 out of 157 put on during his stay, Nichol hit eleven 4's, mostly off-drives and cuts. The fourth wicket added 125 in an hour and fifty minutes, and Victor Fox went on playing so well that he reached his 50 in two hours ten minutes, while altogether he made 60 after ten minutes more at the wicket. He hit five 4's.

Smith beat both Walters and Victor Fox, the sixth wicket falling at 278. Two further successes to Smith made eight down for 292, but Root, missed by Daer at slip, hit freely, and the total reached 332 before the innings closed at twenty past six, and stumps were drawn for the day. Going on at 255, Smith took the last six wickets at a cost of 38 runs.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings.

Wright, c Smith, b Russell	38
Fox (J.), b Daer	43
Nichol, b Daer	102
Gibbons, b Daer	0
Fox (V.), b Smith	60
C. F. Walters, b Smith	14
Quaife (B. W.), c Nichols, b Smith	7
Santall, b Smith	2
Root, not out	36
Brooke, lbw, b Smith	7
Jackson, c Bray, b Smith	2
Extras	21
Total	332

ESSEX.—C. Bray, T. N. Pearce, A. G. Daer, Lywood, Pope, Russell, Nichols, Cutmore, Sheffield, Hipkin, and Smith (P.).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WORCESTER.—First Innings: Nichols 0 for 51, Daer 3 for 80, Smith 6 for 86, Lywood 0 for 39, Hipkin 0 for 32, Russell 1 for 23.

The National Fifty Miles Tandem-paced Cycling Championship and the One Mile National Tandem Championship will be held at Herne Hill Track next Saturday. F. H. Wyld, the holder of the former title, is unable to compete, but J. E. Sibbit and E. H. Chambers, the holders of the Tandem title, will endeavour to win for the third year in succession.

KEEN STRUGGLE FOR RUNS.

LEYLAND HITS OUT.

LANCASHIRE'S COSTLY ERRORS.

Yorkshire, for whom Macaulay was unable to turn out owing to a strained heel, made a quiet start against Lancashire at Leeds, the two hours' play before lunch producing only 94 runs for the loss of Holmes and Oldroyd.

Sutcliffe and Holmes began in quite enterprising fashion when Yorkshire won the toss, but, with 17 scored, Holmes fell to a catch at the wicket, and subsequently Sutcliffe and Oldroyd became so quiet that, at the end of an hour, no more than 40 runs were on the board. However, Oldroyd, for once in a way, scored more readily than Sutcliffe, and he hit Tyldesley four times to the boundary. This punishment brought on Macdonald, who, with the total up to 77, caused Oldroyd to give a catch at short leg. Oldroyd had played capital cricket for 85 minutes, and hit six 4's.

Leyland completed his second hundred of the season after batting two hours and twenty minutes. When 118 he was missed by Hopwood at long on off Tyldesley, and the partnership for the sixth wicket went on until 115 runs had been added in ninety minutes. Having increased his score to 166, Leyland gave another chance—this time to R. Tyldesley at cover—and he remained unbeaten at the close with 173 runs to his credit, the Yorkshire total standing at 360 for eight wickets. So far Leyland has hit two 6's and seventeen 4's.

YORKSHIRE.—First Innings.

Holmes, c Duckworth, b Sibbles	9
Sutcliffe, c Duckworth, b Macdonald	40
Oldroyd, c Taylor, b Macdonald	49
Leyland, not out	173
A. T. Barber, lbw, b Tyldesley (R.)	17
Mitchell, c Macdonald, b Tyldesley (R.)	6
Robinson, c Tyldesley (E.), b Hopwood	41
Wood, b Iddon	13
Dennis, lbw, b Hopwood	0
Rhodes, not out	1
Extras	11
Total (8 wkts.)	360

Bowes to bat.

LANCASHIRE.—P. T. Eckersley, Hallows, Tyldesley (E.), Iddon, Hopwood, Paynter, Taylor, Sibbles, Macdonald, Tyldesley (R.), and Duckworth.

HUNDREDS FOR DERBY.

STORER AND TOWNSEND TO THE FORE.

At Derby the fast bowling of Mayer gave Warwickshire a good send off, three wickets falling for only 32 runs. The home county had the same team that lost to Glamorgan, but the Midland County was strengthened by the reappearance of their captain, R. E. S. Wyatt.

Winning the toss, Derbyshire batted on a wicket in favour of run-getting, but Lee and Storer had only scored 14 runs when Mayer beat Lee with a swerving delivery. Though never at ease, either with Mayer or Wyatt, Bowden helped Lee to advance the total by 18, of which only two were singles. Then Bowden covered his wicket with his legs and completely missed the ball. His one hit of note was a fortunate snick at the expense of Mayer, which went past the slips to the boundary.

Maintaining his fine form, Mayer dismissed Jackson first ball; the batsman mistimed the pace of the wicket and gave a simple return catch. This brought Storer and Townsend together, and, despite accurate bowling, they defied all efforts to separate them before lunch, and added 70 runs. Sending up the 50 within an hour, both men punished Santall with straight drives for 4 each. Paine, however, kept them on the defensive with his clever leg-spinners. Storer reached 50 after playing patiently for an hour and forty minutes, and soon afterwards the hundred appeared.

Townsend soon reached three figures after tea, making his third hundred in four matches and his third successive in home games. Considering that Townsend has been with Derbyshire nine seasons, and never before this year scored a hundred in any class of cricket, his displays of the past few weeks are really remarkable. He got his runs yesterday out of 255 in three and a-half hours, hitting thirteen 4's.

DERBYSHIRE.—First Innings.

Storer, c Mayer, b Paine	102
Lee, b Mayer	6
Bowden, lbw, b Mayer	8
G. R. Jackson, c and b Mayer	0
Townsend, c Sanders, b Smart	117
Worthington, c Wyatt, b Smart	83
Hutchinson, not out	40
Alderman, b Sanders	3
Slater, not out	5
Extras	12
Total (7 wkts)	376

Elliott and Mitchell to bat.

WARWICKSHIRE.—R. E. S. Wyatt, Rev. J. H. Parsons, Smith, Croom, Bates, Kilner, Santall, Smart, Paine, Sanders, and Mayer.

FORESTERS AT OXFORD.

BRILLIANT BATTING BY JARDINE.

Oxford University entered upon their last home fixture by meeting a strong Free Foresters eleven, led by Miles Howell, which, apart from the captain, included seven old Oxonians and one still in residence. The Varsity attack was weakened by the absence of Peebles, but the opposing batsmen made only a moderate start on an easy-paced wicket, and it was left to Jardine to save the play before lunch from becoming very tame.

In contrast to the cautious displays of the previous batsmen, Jardine played most attractive cricket and reached 50 after an hour's stay. He seemed to find no difficulty with the varied attack, although Guise took some time to settle down, and when the fourth-wicket partnership had added just over a 100 the latter's share amounted to only 30.

FREE FORESTERS.—First Innings.

A. L. Hosie, lbw, b Hill-Wood	6
R. S. G. Scott, lbw, b Melville	26
W. G. Lowndes, b Nevinson	5
D. R. Jardine, b Hill-Wood	112
J. L. Guise, c Mayhew, b Melville	33
M. Howell, b Melville	22
J. B. Wheatley, c Nevinson, b Hill-Wood	8
R. C. Robertson-Glasgow, c Kingsley, b Hill-Wood	24
G. R. Pedder, st Mayhew, b Melville	82
J. C. Masterman, c Ford, b Melville	2
W. T. Greswell, not out	23
Extras	18
Total	361

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—P. G. T. Kingsley, D. N. Moore, A. Melville, Nawab of Pataudi, N. M. Ford, C. K. Hill-Wood, I. Akers-Douglas, H. M. Garland-Wells, W. H. Bradshaw, J. F. N. Mayhew, and J. H. Nevinson.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

FREE FORESTERS.—First Innings.—Hill-Wood 4 for 89; Nevinson 1 for 73; Bradshaw 0 for 35; Melville 5 for 103; Garland-Wells 0 for 43.

NORTHANTS DULL.

GEARY CAPTURES SIX WICKETS CHEAPLY.

Perfect weather prevailed for the meeting of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire yesterday at Leicester, where a good company saw the visiting county lose three good wickets before luncheon for 98 runs.

The pitch appeared to be in good order when Northamptonshire, having won the toss, began batting, and by steady methods Woolley and Bakewell, the opening pair, had 39 runs on the board mostly scored by Woolley, before Bakewell returned a ball to Geary. A little later Timms fell to a fine catch at mid-on, and at that point Woolley had scored 42 out of 56 runs from the bat. Woolley, playing with the utmost confidence, hit another boundary, but then had his wicket bowled down by Armstrong.

Geary bowled in great fashion on the game being resumed, and at one period claimed four wickets at a cost of one run. In all, he took six for 35 runs, and Northamptonshire, after batting for five hours, were all out for 178. Cox played extremely well, but got little assistance.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—First Innings.

Woolley, b Armstrong	46
Bakewell, c and b Geary	11
Timms, c Snary, b Astill	3
V. W. C. Jupp, b Astill	27
A. P. Hawtin, b Geary	47
Bellamy, b Astill	3
Cox, not out	33
Matthews, b Geary	1
E. F. Towell, c Sidwell, b Geary	0
Thomas, c Snary, b Geary	1
Clark, b Geary	2
Extras	4
Total	178

LEICESTERSHIRE.—First Innings.

Shipman, lbw, b Thomas	14
Berry, not out	17
Armstrong, not out	2
Total (1 wkt.)	33

W. A. Smith, Riley, J. A. de Lisle, Astill, Geary, Sidwell, Smith (H. A.), and Snary to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—First Innings: Shipman, 0 for 16; Snary, 0 for 33; Geary, 6 for 35 Smith, 0 for 24; Astill, 3 for 57; Armstrong 1 for 9.

POOR BATTING BY LIGHT BLUES.

KILLICK'S FINE EFFORT.

TOURISTS' CHANGE BOWLERS EXCEL.

Cambridge University found runs very difficult to obtain in their engagement with the Australians at Fenners ground, and by the luncheon interval had lost four wickets for 65 runs.

The tourists made a number of changes from the side which defeated Middlesex, Woodfull, Wall, and Oldfield coming in for Fairfax, Kippax, and Grimmett. Fortunately, Walker had recovered from the shoulder injury received at Lord's, but Kippax, suffering from a strained groin, was compelled to stand down.

Cambridge, too, made alterations, Kemp-Welch, Human, and Butterworth finding places in the eleven to the exclusion of Macdonald, Baring, and Findlay.

Although the weather was overcast, the pitch remained in good condition when the University, having won the toss, sent in Kemp-Welch and Ratcliffe. Hurwood, who has not been very successful so far on the tour, proved difficult to play, and with only nine on the board, got Ratcliffe taken at first slip. Wall swung the ball from the off, but both Kemp-Welch and his new partner, Killick, wisely neglected these deliveries, runs coming so slowly that no more than 11 were scored in the first half-hour.

Kemp-Welch played with assurance, even though concentrating mainly on defence, but when McCabe came on in place of Wall, Kemp-Welch was clean bowled with the second delivery. A wicket was thrown away when Grant foolishly went for an almost impossible run, the wicket being thrown down with the batsman well out of the crease.

A crowd of 3,000 saw Cambridge still fighting hard for runs after the resumption, though Baines drove nicely to the off boundary. When the total had slowly increased to 88, Bradman—who bowled quite well against Oxford a week ago—came on in place of Hornibrook, and, with his slow to medium deliveries, sent back three men in quick succession.

Killick left when he failed to properly lift a bad length ball, short leg taking a simple catch. Killick had been the only batsman to face the attack with any confidence, and, following his departure, two more wickets fell quickly.

The Cambridge innings closed for 145, the result of nearly three hours' batting. McCabe, who made the ball come across from leg, bowled into the breeze and met with marked success, taking four wickets at a cost of 25 runs.

Australia did not make a good start, for, with only 13 scored in twenty minutes, Ponsford was clean bowled by a ball which appeared to come in a good deal. The tourists narrowly escaped further disaster when Kemp-Welch just got his left hand to a hard-hit ball from Bradman, but the Cambridge man was not able to complete the catch.

Illness prevented Jackson taking his accustomed place in the batting order, but Woodfull and Bradman put on 66 in fifty minutes before Bradman fell to a catch in the slips.

McCabe came in to join his captain in a merry onslaught on the Cambridge bowling, the lead being gained with eight wickets in hand. McCabe hit with great power, reaching 50 out of 72 in forty minutes, and the pair were still together at the close, having put on 100 in sixty-five minutes.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—First Innings.

G. D. Kemp-Welch, b McCabe	20
A. T. Ratcliffe, c Hornibrook, b Hurwood	4
E. T. Killick, c Wall, b Bradman	48
G. C. Grant, c Hurwood, b McCabe	12
J. T. Morgan, run out	0
T. W. Baines, lbw, b Bradman	12
H. R. Butterworth, c Hurwood, b McCabe	10
R. Human, b Bradman	0
F. R. Brown, c Hurwood, b McCabe	10
W. H. Webster, not out	10
A. H. Fabian, c Oldfield, b Wall	8
Extras	11
Total	145

AUSTRALIANS.—First Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, not out	61
W. H. Ponsford, b Kemp-Welch	7
D. Bradman, c Baines, b Human	32
S. McCabe, not out	62
Extras	17
Total (2 wkts.)	179

A. Jackson, V. Y. Richardson, A. Hurwood, C. W. Walker, W. A. Oldfield, T. Wall, and P. M. Hornibrook to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—Wall 1 for 47; Hurwood 1 for 9; Hornibrook 0 for 18; McCabe 4 for 25; Bradman 3 for 35.

WOOLLEY AT HIS BEST.

ASHDOWN ALSO PUNISHES HANTS ATTACK.

Kent, following their victory over Essex, journeyed to Southampton to meet Hampshire, who had fallen easy victims to Yorkshire. The visitors have every reason to be satisfied with their start, seeing that the play before lunch brought them 146 runs for the loss of only one wicket.

Hampshire brought in an amateur fast bowler in R. H. Palmer, who played for Berkshire last season and is now at Pembroke College, while a notable change in the Kent side was the inclusion of the England captain, A. P. F. Chapman.

Glorious conditions prevailed when Kent sent in Ashdown and Hardinge to open their innings on a perfect pitch. Palmer was given an early opportunity to prove his worth, but unfortunately the amateur sprained an ankle after bowling a few overs and had to retire. Before his departure the tall, fast bowler got Hardinge caught at the wicket with the score at 46—made in three-quarters of an hour.

Woolley came in to attack the bowling with vigour, hitting two 6's in the first over he received. He proved to be in his best form, making strokes with ease and grace all round the wicket, reaching 50 out of 79 in an hour, Ashdown reaching his half-hundred in an hour and forty minutes. Frequent bowling changes had little effect, and, at lunch time, the pair were still together.

During lunch-time it transpired that the injury to Palmer was a torn ligament near the ankle bone, which will prevent him taking any further part in the game.

Runs continued to come apace from the bats of Woolley and Ashdown, the first-named hitting his third 6 by driving a no-ball from Boyes over the ring. The famous Kent batsman was not destined to reach the coveted 100, a catch given in the slips when Kennedy came on with the new ball bringing Woolley's brilliant innings to an end. He had batted in faultless style for two hours and hit three 6's and ten 4's. The stand produced 163 runs.

Ames, the newcomer, had a brief stay, being taken in the slips at 216, and then another success came to the home bowlers, Ashdown being clean bowled by Herman. He had batted just over three hours for 93, which included seven 4's.

Chapman—never comfortable—stayed forty minutes for 19 runs before giving a catch in the outfield, the seventh wicket falling at 257. Almost immediately afterwards Creese gained distinction by a brilliant one-hand catch when he jumped high to send back Wright. Six wickets had thus fallen since the departure of Woolley for an addition of 50 runs, bringing a complete change to the aspect of the game.

Despite a plucky last-wicket stand by Peach and Beslee, which added 30 runs, the last eight Kent wickets fell for 91. Kennedy, who bowled for long periods without rest, deserved even better figures than his six for 79, for throughout he maintained a splendid length.

Hampshire gave a dreary display during the hour and ten minutes at their disposal, scoring only 29 runs for the loss of Bailey's wicket.

KENT.—First Innings.

Ashdown, b Herman	93
Hardinge, c Brown, b Palmer	20
Woolley, c Mead, b Kennedy	98
Ames, c Kennedy, b Herman	5
A. P. F. Chapman, c Creese, b Kennedy	19
Todd, b Herman	6
Hubble, b Kennedy	9
Wright, c Creese, b Kennedy	8
Freeman, c Brown, b Kennedy	7
Peach, not out	14
Beslee, b Kennedy	16
Extras	5
Total	300

HAMPSHIRE.—First Innings.

Brown, not out	24
Bailey, c Woolley, b Freeman	4
Arnold, not out	0
Extra	1
Total (1 wkt.)	29

Kennedy, Mead, Lord Tennyson, A. K. Judd, Creese, Boyes, R. H. Palmer and Herman to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

KENT.—First Innings: Kennedy 6 for 79, Herman 3 for 84, Boyes 0 for 75, Palmer 1 for 24, Bailey 0 for 18, Arnold 0 for 15.

TEST MATCH PROSPECTS.

ENGLAND'S TASK AT TRENT BRIDGE.

AUSTRALIA'S BOWLING PROBLEM.

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Trent Bridge next Friday is the scene of the first of the five Test matches between England and Australia. Curiously enough, considering the great reputation of the Nottingham ground for providing admirable wickets, and the spacious nature of the enclosure, only four England v. Australia Test games have been previously staged there.

The contest of 1899—memorable as the last Test in which W. G. Grace took part—saw England so considerably outplayed that, despite a not-out innings of 93 by Ranjitsinhji, the home country had only three wickets to fall when call of time saved them from defeat. Six years later came the triumph of B. J. T. Bosanquet, who, taking eight wickets in Australia's second innings, had the chief share in an England victory by 213 runs. Not until 1921 was another Test match fought out at Trent Bridge, and that, with the home batsmen cutting a sorry figure against Gregory and Macdonald, saw Australia successful by ten wickets—the first of three consecutive handsome wins gained by Warwick Armstrong's team. Four years ago the weather proved so exceptionally unkind that progress with the match was limited to less than half an hour's play on the opening day. The record for the Nottingham ground thus stands at one victory to each country and two draws.

A FORMIDABLE SIDE.

Announced last Friday evening, the list of players from which the England eleven will be finally chosen numbers thirteen. The large majority of these were always "probables" and practically "certainties" after the recent contest between England and The Rest. No fewer than nine possess exceptional credentials in having participated in the second, third, and fourth Test matches fought by Chapman's team in Australia in 1928-29, for by general consent the eleven victorious in those three games was the strongest which could be picked from the band sent out by the M.C.C. These men are:—Hobbs, Sutcliffe, Hammond, Hendren, Tate, Larwood, Duckworth, Chapman himself, and J. C. White. Whether they will all find places in the side next Friday remains to be seen, but in making a selection they could not be overlooked.

To these nine men, who so brilliantly upheld the reputation of English cricket in Australia eighteen months ago, the Selection Committee have added four others: K. S. Duleepsinhji, Frank Woolley, R. W. V. Robins, and Richard Tyldesley. Assuming only two vacancies, the question will be whether Woolley or Duleepsinhji in the one instance or Robins or Tyldesley in the other shall be included in the eleven. Robins, I fancy, will be preferred to Tyldesley, but the question whether to play Woolley or Duleepsinhji is not one upon which it is possible to feel confident.

Whether the final choice falls upon Woolley or Duleepsinhji, England will, of course, place in the field a side well equipped at all points. One could have desired another first-rate batsman if that could have been arranged without weakening the attack, but at the moment the supply of really high-class all-rounders seems exceedingly small, and trust must be placed in what the crack English batsmen can accomplish. If there are only five players of this standard, the others are all possible run-getters as well as men who have often risen to the occasion at anxious moments.

While England's batting depends rather too much upon too few men, the bowling, with Tate, Larwood, White, and Robins to provide the main part of the attack, and Hammond as a change, should prove equal to the task before it. It is thoroughly well varied, and it will enjoy the support of a most able wicket-keeper in Duckworth.

AUSTRALIA'S "TAIL."

Not until the morning of the match is it likely that the exact composition of Australia's eleven will be made known, but, apart from the question of changes necessitated by injury or lack of form, one may assume that the nine members of the side victorious over England in the last Test match included in the present team will find places in the eleven. Woodfull, Jackson, Kippax, Bradman, Fairfax, Oldfield, Grimmett, Wall, and Hornibrook all figured in that splendid win. Ponsford and Richardson are, of course, the strongest candidates for the two other places. The position is, perhaps, a little complicated owing to Jackson's failures in the early matches, and to Kippax having met with a strain, but neither of these matters, likely enough, will affect the final decision. In any event the only other player who may find himself chosen appears to be McCabe.

So far our visitors have given a very good account of themselves, winning six matches out of eleven—nearly all of them in decisive fashion—and holding the stronger position in most of the drawn games. Had time permitted, it is possible they would have lost to the M.C.C., but they had nothing the worst of that encounter, and against Lancashire, who dismissed them for 115, they left off practically sure of victory. At the same time the fact should not be overlooked that the tourists have not yet beaten any side of much note—unless perhaps Derbyshire and Middlesex come within that category.

While Bradman has enjoyed a triumph standing to the credit of none of his famous predecessors, and both Woodfull and Ponsford have accomplished great things, the measure of success attending the other batsmen has not been remarkable, and repeatedly the weakness of the "tail" has manifested itself to an extent most unusual with Australian cricketers. Australia, in short, will, for their hopes of heavy scoring, apparently have to trust to even fewer men than England.

LIMITATIONS OF ATTACK.

A bigger question for the tourists, however, is whether their bowling reaches the high standard necessary for Test match cricket. Grimmett, it is true, appears to be more skilful than ever, and Hornibrook, the left-hander, with some days of striking success, has taken fifty wickets for little more than 12 runs apiece.

Outside these two men, however, the attack seems only of moderate quality. Wall may possess more pace than he has displayed in this country up to the present, and in that event, it is possible he will prove dangerous, but Australia's prospects of getting England out for a moderate score depend far too much upon Grimmett and Hornibrook, and England's crack batsmen have had much experience of playing Grimmett. Much improved in fielding since the early games, the Australians will, no doubt, give a good account of themselves, and there must always exist possibilities of heavy scoring about Bradman, Woodfull, and Ponsford, but still the Englishmen should show themselves the stronger side.

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* Signifies not out.

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Hammond (Gloucester) v. Somerset	4 for 50
D. Bradman (Australians) v. Cambridge	3 for 35

RUGBY BEATEN AT CLIFTON.

MERCHANT TAYLORS TIE.

THRILLING FINISH AT MARLBOROUGH.

In a two days' match, Clifton beat Rugby by eight wickets. In their first innings Rugby scored 216, to which Clifton replied with 279. Going in a second time, the Rugby batsmen failed badly against some excellent bowling. At the luncheon interval yesterday they had lost four wickets for 83. The other batsmen offered little resistance, and the side was dismissed for 146. Clifton knocked off the 84 runs necessary to win for the loss of two wickets. In the Rugby second innings both P. W. Keun and A. M. Harrison bowled skilfully. The former took five wickets at an average cost of just over five runs, while Harrison's four wickets cost 6 runs apiece.

MARLBOROUGH DRAW.

The match at Marlborough, where Cheltenham were the visitors, provided a thrilling finish. In their first innings Cheltenham scored 160, and Marlborough replied with 130. The Cheltenham batting improved in their second innings. Overnight they had scored 61 for two, and at the luncheon interval yesterday had raised their score to 212 for the loss of six wickets. Their total eventually reached 251. I. N. Brettell again played soundly, his contribution being 52. For Marlborough, in their second innings, J. T. H. Comber, the captain, made a great effort. He obtained his 84 runs by stylish play. When stumps were drawn Marlborough had lost nine wickets for 208 runs.

ETON'S BIG SCORE.

The annual Whitsuntide match between Eton College and Liverpool was played on Agar's Plough yesterday and ended in a draw. The School had first use of a good wicket, and thanks to a splendid partnership for the fourth wicket between Hale and Hogg, were able to declare with 240 runs on the board for the loss of six wickets. Liverpool had made 135 for five when stumps were drawn.

Owing to an injury Atkinson-Clark had to leave the field. In racing to save the ball on the boundary line he slipped near the scoreboard and caught the palm of his right hand on a nail. Scores:—

ETON COLLEGE.—A. W. Allen, c Boult, b Coope, 17; C. E. W. Sheepshanks, c Tod, b Formby, 0; J. C. Atkinson-Clark, c Turner, b Coope, 37; K. F. H. Hale, b Formby, 48; J. N. Hogg, st Boult, b Coope, 50; M. S. Gosling, b Coope, 46; J. H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, not out, 19; J. H. Lane-Fox, not out, 15; extras, 8. Total (6 wkts.) (dec.), 240. A. M. Baerlin, A. G. Pelham, Earl of Hopetoun, and R. E. L. Harvey did not bat.

LIVERPOOL.—I. S. Johnston, c Allen, b Harvey, 16; T. B. Tod b Hogg, 33; W. W. B. Stoddart, b Sheepshanks 19; R. S. Turner, lbw, b Pelham, 28; J. P. Dewhurst, lbw, b Sheepshanks, 22; D. M. Ritchie, not out, 4; extras, 13. Total (for five wickets) 135. J. S. Thornely, L. W. T. Wethered, M. R. Formby, P. S. Boult, R. Coope, and J. W. Bowler did not bat.

HIGH SCORES AT BRIGHTON.

Epsom College drew with Brighton College at Brighton. The visitors batted first and declared at 267 for nine wickets, A. F. Hunton scoring 130. Brighton College scored 146 for two, J. C. Jarchow, 52 not out, and C. R. Maxwell 55.

ARDINGLY WIN AWAY.

Ardingly, who visited Cranbrook, won by 41 runs. Batting first, Cranbrook failed against clever bowling by Mason, whose five wickets cost 26 runs. They were dismissed for 80. Ardingly replied with 121, Pearson being top scorer with 43.

HIGHGATE'S COLLAPSE.

Highgate School, playing at home, lost to Hornsey by 144 runs. Hornsey declared their innings at 243 for the loss of seven wickets. The chief scorers were: Adlard 85, Whithead 74, and Clarke 48. For the School S. L. Clarke took five wickets for 53. After a promising start the School collapsed, and seven of their batsmen made only 6 runs. The School's total was 99. For Hornsey Atkinson took six wickets for 12 while Clarke's four wickets cost 23 runs.

MERCHANT TAYLORS

The match between Dover College and Merchant Taylors School, at Bellingham, resulted in a tie. Each side scored 145 runs. J. Huskisson, for the Taylors, made 47, and followed this up with six wickets for 52 runs in 22 overs. When the last Dover batsman went in 9 runs were required to win. W. R. Aylwin hit two 4's, and A. H. Pierce played a maiden over, and then Aylwin was caught off a full pitch.

GOOD WIN FOR WELLINGTON.

Wellington College, for whom J. H. Freeland played well for 78, and J. P. M. Hope for 60 beat the Incogniti by 123 runs. They passed the visitors' score for the loss of only one wicket. The visitors were all out for 137.

STOWE WIN AGAIN.

Stowe, for whom P. J. de Haviland took seven wickets for 58, beat I Zingari by 130 runs after declaring at 257 for five. The School's batting was very consistent. H. V. Kemp scored 87, D. F. N. Rowlatt hit up 69, and P. P. L. Dillon 51 (not out).

GOOD BOWLING FOR ST. PAUL'S.

The batting of St. Paul's broke down against the bowling of P. S. Fraser (four for 26) and A. G. Skinner. Though the tail played up well, they were all out for 101. The Incogniti won by 42 runs. For the visitors, H. Whitcombe (46) and Skinner (34) were the principal contributors. G. G. Shneerson again bowled well, taking six wickets for 62.

FOREST SCHOOL DO WELL.

Chigwell School were entertained by Forest School at Snaresbrook, and the visitors, batting first, were all out for 44, B. H. Belle taking six wickets for 6 runs. Forest School replied with 124, I. N. Dennis scoring 33. During their second innings Chigwell scored 43 for six wickets before stumps were drawn.

HAT TRICK AT REPTON.

J. K. Mendl did the hat-trick at Repton against Wolverhampton, who were all out for 179. He followed it up with a good innings of 48. The School, however, were beaten by 19 runs, S. S. Moore, who had headed the visitors' score with 40, taking six for 44.

BEDFORD BEATEN.

Taking nine wickets for 49, Powell, the M.C.C. professional, helped to dismiss Bedford for 114. The M.C.C. won by 41 runs. B. R. Wise (23), J. L. Cocks (23), and Traill (20) did best for the School.

BEAUMONT'S EASY WIN.

K.C.S., Wimbledon, went down to Beaumont College at Old Windsor, where H. Hewett was largely responsible for the School's defeat, scoring 67 runs and taking four wickets for 19 runs. Beaumont scored 141 and dismissed their opponents for 69. S. Darwood took six wickets for 2 runs, and with Hewett went through the side.

TONBRIDGE BEAT LANCING.

Tonbridge, after being 63 behind on the first innings, made a fine recovery and beat Lancing by eight wickets. F. H. Chrestien (66), and F. P. H. Pearse (55 and 56) did best for Lancing and G. M. Leach (59 and 70), R. O. Crouch (53), and G. P. S. Davies (52) batted well for the winners, for whom W. R. Albertini took eight wickets for 61. D. C. McLagan took six of the Tonbridge wickets in the first innigs for 62.

BIG HITTING AT CHARTERHOUSE.

The Butterflies took a strong side to Godalming and, batting first, declared their innings closed at 311 for eight wickets, R. G. H. Lowe (62), Frost (53), Anderson (48), and Pearce (44), all scoring freely. T. R. Davidson came out with the fine bowling analysis of five wickets for 90 runs. Charterhouse had scored 157 for five wickets when stumps were drawn, G. B. Eccles playing another good innings of 72 and A. G. Powell of 35.

RADLEY DRAW.

A splendidly contested two-days' match at Radley resulted in an even draw with Sherborne, who with two wickets in hand, required 18 runs to win, when stumps were drawn on the second day. Radley scored 252 (P. N. Kitchener 84, W. H. Vestey 52, and H. P. Dinnwiddy 32, P. H. E. Williams 52), Sherborne replying with 236 (R. J. Brown 96, A. A. E. Morgan 51, and P. H. F. Mermagen 31). Radley were all out for 134, in the second innings Mermagen taking five for 29, and Sherborne lost eight for 133, when time was up.

ANOTHER WIN FOR BRENTWOOD.

Against steady bowling and sound fielding the Wanstead second eleven made a poor show, Mayes taking seven wickets for 27 and the whole side being out, on a perfect wicket, for 67. Mayes (55) and Reid (30) put on 60 for the Schools second wicket, the score reaching 150.

ST. LAWRENCE OVERWHELMED.

The Band of Brothers proved much too strong for St. Lawrence College at Ramsgate. The visitors declared at 261 for six wickets, F. G. Turner playing a fine innings for 133 not out. St. Lawrence collapsed against the bowling of M. W. Smith (4 for 18) and H. T. Streeton (4 for 10), and were all out for 37.

ST. JOHN'S BEAT U.C.S.

At Leatherhead, University College School were dismissed for 118, R. A. S. Farnfield, the St. John's captain, taking four wickets for 40 runs, and P. Henderson three for 15. The home side lost four wickets for 9 runs, but Farnfield (32), and C. E. Ryerson (31) retrieved the situation, and the score eventually reached 131, D. F. Surfleet, the visiting captain, taking six for 45.

WIN FOR BEDFORD MODERN.

Bedford Modern gained a well-deserved victory over King Edward's School at Birmingham, passing the K.E.'s total with five wickets in hand. The home side were all out for 101, of which C. Rainbow made 50 not out. Bedford Modern had scored 125 for seven when time arrived.

CLUB CRICKET.

AN OLD WESTMINSTER'S CENTURY.

"HAT-TRICK" FOR HARPENDEN.

Addiscombe 167, Netherne Hospital 101 (Hinton 5 for 45, Flux 5 for 50).

Alleyn Old Boys 89 (Parker 7 for 43), Ibis 93 (Dailey 6 for 34).

Bank of England II. 215 for 5 (dec.) (Bewsey 69), Ham and Petersham 96 for 5.

Barnet 149 for 9 (dec., Edmonton 84 for 6.

Beckenham 84 (H. Taylor 7 for 34), Blackheath 227 (D. F. Upjohn 55).

Beckenham 214 for 5 (dec.) (R. T. Bryan 62, E. J. Stanley 70 not), Sidcup 79 (P. J. H. Dunn 5 for 23).

Beckton 197 for 2 (dec.) (J. Bartholomew 88 not, R. David 61), West Indian 132 for 6 (W. A. Date 43, A. J. Gray 4 for 39).

Beddington 215 for 5 (dec.) (T. L. G. Winter 69), Old Whitgiftians 125 for 8.

Bessborough 199 (S. H. Cole 75), Old Glendalians 129 for 6.

Bexley 173 (Col. Foster 61), Blackheath 179 for 9 (N. Christopherson 51, Allanson 50 not).

Brentham 226 for 7 (dec.) (J. Fuggle 84 not), Southall Gasworks 89 for 9.

Britannic House 290 for 5 (dec.) (Blyth Brook (182), Athenians 129 (Cox 6 for 35).

Bromley 245 for 7 (dec.) (Hill 73 not), Bickley Park 110.

Buckhurst Hill 193 for 9 (dec.) (Waugh 56), Chingford 155 for 9 (Burden 46).

Catford 214 (C. Lamb 72), Honor Oak 240 for 6 (C. Nicol 93, E. Weymouth 82, L. W. Recordon 47).

C. H. Thompson's XI. 214 for 6 (dec.) (E. W. Wilkinson 101), Peek, Frean 126 for 7 (Somerville 53).

Catford Wanderers 200 for 5 (dec.) (A. F. Simpson 83), Guy's Hospital 116 for 6 (J. A. G. Starres 55 not).

Cheshunt 50 (W. H. Marsh 7 for 25, hat trick), Harpenden 181 (S. Appleyard 90 not, E. Chapman 7 for 49).

Colney Hatch M.H. 176, Columbia 166.

Croydon Amateurs 95, Guards' Depot (Caterham) 48 (Pink 6 for 26).

Croydon 230 for 9 (dec.) (D. A. Lancaster 96 not, W. A. Goodall 64), The Wanderers 177 for 4 (A. S. Soole 75).

Cyphers 120 (J. A. Bills 40), Kenley 93 (A. W. R. Matthews 6 for 60, L. M. Simmons 4 for 28).

Derrick Wanderers 122 (H. M. Harrison 6 for 31), Anglo-South American Bank 108 for 8 (H. A. Stanton 6 for 26).

Enfield 121 (Crowl 51), Upper Clapton 73 (Wilson 5 for 19).

Exiles 119, Vagabonds 61.

Forest Hill 222 (D. A. Wakeford 75), Purley 1[illegible].

Ealing 139, Brondesbury 214 (C. Hone 45).

Eton Ramblers 266 for 5 (dec.) (Capt. G. N. Scott-Chad 111), Old Westminsters 231 for 5 (N. P. Andrews 100).

Esher 99, East Molesey 96.

Finchley 128, Hampstead 121 for 5.

Gravesend 286 (R. E. Evans 134, J. Wilkinson 65), M.C.C. 236 for 9 (N. Boucher 87, A. Penman 5 for 77).

G.W.R. 166 for 7 (dec.), Ealing 61 (Weil 6 for 18).

Hampstead 87, Richmond 304 for 8 (G. Knowlman 128, G. F. Summers 45).

Harlesden 196, Northampton Polytechnic 227 for 6 (G. Boadella 104 not).

Harrow 210 for 6 (dec.) (Grant 75 not), Harrow Town 147 for 7 (Griggs 4 for 42).

Highgate 31 (G. A. Mill 6 for 13, H. V. Aylward 4 for 12), Alexandra Park 410 for 4 (L. W. Newman 230 not).

Hook 198 for 9 (dec.) (Denney 104 not, Graves 5 for 41), Cheam 145 for 6 (Sawyer 53, Randall 41).

Hounslow 200 for 8 (dec.) (J. G. Heaslip 79), Cuaco 87 for 7 (R. Hodges 4 for 18, hat trick).

Hornsey 291 for 5 (dec.) (R. E. Batson 163 not, J. D. Bott 56), South Hampstead 302 (E. Watkin 137 not, J. Wreford 65, C. Higgins 45).

Ilford 180 (E. E. Spurrier 87 not, J. W. Marston 6 for 78), Loughton 94 (A. C. Folfe 4 for 23).

Indian Gymkhana A 209 for 6 (dec.) (C. A. Van der Straaten 106), Aldenham 115 for 4.

Leigh-on-Sea 42 (Farnes 6 for 19), Gidea Park 108 (T. Hunt 45).

Lloyds S.C. 200 for 3 (dec.) (Stroud 93), Dulwich 74 (Hunt 5 for 23).

L.M. and S.Rly 95 (Salt 5 for 26), Boston Park 174 for 6 (dec.).

Lyons 129, West Middlesex 24.

Malden Wanderers 88 (Cox 7 for 28), Old Emanuel 83 (Randall 6 for 24).

Metrogas A.S.A. 148 for 7 (dec.) (P. Parrish 49), Bexley Heath 86 for 9.

Mill Hill 206 for 4 (dec.) (Graham 73), Clarence 156 for 5.

Mill Hill Park 210 (J. C. Rowley 54, W. Townsend 54 not), Barnes 185 for 9 (R. Sheath 50).

N.P. Bank 206 for 9 (dec.) (Penn 48, Smith 44, Duff 5 for 65), Lloyds Bank 158 (Oldershaw 61).

North London 125 for 6 (dec.), Exiles 35.

North London 198 for 7 (dec.) (D. Catchpole 99, P. Kemp 50), Birkbeck College 188 for 7 (B. Stevens 48).

Oatlands Park 167 for 8 (dec.) (E. R. Spofforth 55 not). Romany 126 for 8.

Old Lyonians 211 for 2 (dec.) (Merryfield 64 not, Weston 58 not), Woodgrove 109.

Old Charlton 75, Midland Bank 220 for 8 (L. Hobbs 93).

Old Millhillians 179 for 5 (dec.) (Lawther 46), Old Alleynians 52 (Lawther 6 for 10).

Old Roans 108 (D. Middleton 5 for 13), Thames Ditton 128 (J. Kibler 50).

Private Banks II. 192, Charlton Park II. 49.

Parsons Green 86 (Appon 5 for 48), Merton 75 (Petre 5 for 21).

Richmond Town 80 (F. M. Osborne 5 for 30, E. F. Scott 4 for 15), Bromley Town 189.

Romford 178 for 8 (dec.) (Ward 68), Brentwood 71 (Veryard 5 for 7, Mills 4 for 12).

St. Bart's Hospital 185 for 9 (dec.) (Gilbert 68), Old Leysians 90 for 4.

St. James's Old Boys 119 (J. O. Andrews 4 for 19), Indian Gymkhana B 95.

St. Thomas's Hospital 141, Free Foresters 147 for 7 (L. V. Howie 79).

Sevenoaks Vine 161 (R. Phillips 52), Reigate Priory 221 (J. K. Guy 46).

Shepherd's Bush 250 for 8 (dec.) (S. L. Beton 79), Old Latymerians 150 for 9 (J. Dennis 41, W. E. Hazelton 5 for 38).

South Essex 208 for 7 (dec.) (E. Berry 64, J. Crawford 51 not), Brentwood M.H. 110 for 6 (R. Eastham 45 not).

South West Ham 282 for 7 (dec.) (J. S. Cossington 8 not, P. Holmes 76), South Woodford 170 for 6 (H. E. Glassborrow 71, F. Gosling 36).

Southall 178 (Finch 7 for 63), Kew 108.

Spencer 248 for 6 (dec.) (G. H. Carmichael 49), Mitcham 188 for 4 (F. L. Boxall 80 not).

Springfield M.H. 245 (Beattie 82), West Middlesex 55 (Beattie 6 for 17).

Streatham 184 (S. W. Groom 61 not), Dulwich 108 (A. S. Turney 4 for 29).

Surbiton 212 for 6 (dec.) (H. A. Packham 58 not), Lensbury 80 (J. Morves 6 for 37).

Sutton 260 (J. L. E. Straker 98, C. Thain 59), Epsom 63 (R. M. Bell 5 for 18).

Toc H 160 for 6 (dec.), Southgate 206 for 4 (E. Volz 100).

University College 134, U.C.S. Old Boys 149 for 4 (C. M. Wilson 85 not, J. Hankins 45).

Walthamstow 117 (Davis 37, Moffat 6 for 42), Hertford 109 (Gaunt 57, Coll 7 for 31).

Warlingham 132 (Lloyd 7 for 20, C. S. Hurst 46), Elmers End 102.

Wembley 137 (Hall 45, Charles 39), Bramtoco 105 (Flavell 7 for 18).

Westminster Bank 230 for 5 (dec.) (J. E. Lear 102 not, V. E. Jarvis 66 not), Barclays Bank 176 for 4 (W. S. Hughes 48, H. L. Hollis 72 not).

Wimbledon 154 (H. S. Brown 53, J. C. White 5 for 56), Nondescripts 247 (P. A. Newman 73, D. L. H. Mercer 56).

Winchmore Hill 202 for 5 (dec.) (Nicholson 82, Hirst 51), North Middlesex 100 for 6.

Woodford Wells 178 for 7 (dec.), Old Alleynians 129.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESULTS.

Haberdashers' School 72 (Westmarland 5 for 4), Alleyn's School 156.

Caterham School 155 for 9 (dec.), Mill Hill School II. 77.

Wellington School (Som.) 142, Somerset Stragglers 136.

Colfe's School 138 (McIver 78), Old Colfeians 126.

K. E. S. Birmingham 101 (Rainbow 50 not), Bedford Modern School 125 for 7.

Band of Brothers 261 for 6 (dec.) (Turner 133 not), St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate 37.

King's School, Rochester, 76, Royal Marines 132.

Woodbridge School 165 for 8 (dec.), Old Woodbridgians 68.

R.M.A. (Woolwich) 3rd 115, Sutton Valence School 106 for 6.

Surbiton 83, St. George's College, Weybridge 87.

Kingswood School 170 for 6 (dec.), Downside School 2nd 135 for 9.

Kelly College, Tavistock, 207 (Hamilton 69), Newton College 131.

Trent College 186, Craven Gentlemen 119.

Red Triangle C.C. 135, Bishop's Stortford College 169.

Watford Grammar School 221 for 2 (dec.) (Clark 102 not, Burgess 96), Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, 100 for 6.

Wrekin College 137, Bromsgrove School 89 (Griffith 8 for 40).

Downside School 292 for 6 (dec.) (O'Conner 93, Gibson 65).

Blundell's School 208 for 6 (Taylor 68, Sanders 63).

LORDS AND COMMONS LOSE.

Staff College, Camberley, beat Lords and Commons at Camberley by 108 runs. Lords and Commons scored 112, Captain Robertson taking seven wickets for 43, and the Staff College 220, five of their wickets falling at a cost of 68 to E. T. Campbell, and four to the Earl of Dalkeith for 31.

RUGBY TOURISTS BEATEN.

BOWCOTT BRILLIANT IN MATCH AGAINST CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH (N.Z.), Saturday.

Although leading at one time by 8 points to 6, the British Rugby team suffered defeat for the second time this week, Canterbury, who included nine "All Blacks" in their side, winning by 1 placed goal, 2 penalty goals, 1 try (14 points) to 1 placed goal, 1 try (8 points).

H. Wilkinson played splendidly, and in addition to scoring the try, had the hard luck to be overhauled just on the line on three occasions. G. M. Bonner, who replaced J. Bassett, was not a success, being frequently out of position. He was no match for Lilburne, his opposite number, who repeatedly extricated Canterbury from difficult situations with well-judged kicks. Conditions were perfect, and 25,000 people were present.

GOLF.

SURREY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

STRAKER'S SUCCESS.

Each making his first appearance in the last stage of the event, R. H. de Montmorency (Sunningdale), the veteran British internationalist, and R. Straker (Walton Heath), who qualified f... the match-play rounds only after a replay, contested the final of the Surrey Amateur Championship over the West Hill Club's course at Brookwood. In the morning, de Montmorency qualified for the final by defeating P. C. Chase (Burhill) by 3 and 1, after the younger player had been two up when six holes had been played. Straker gained a three and two victory in the semi-final over G. Illingworth, the former Cambridge University captain.

Chase's lead of two holes at the sixth quickly vanished when de Montmorency, finding his best form, won the next three holes in 3, 4, 3. Getting a fine four at the tenth, the veteran became two up. Although losing the thirteenth, de Montmorency regained his two holes lead at the sixteenth, where Chase was bunkered off his second and put his next over the green. Chase was also bunkered off his drive to the seventeenth, to lose the hole and the match.

Straker played the first eight holes faultlessly, with the result that he was three up on Illingworth, but his putting fell to pieces afterwards, and the Old Cantab was able to square the game at the thirteenth. However Straker secured a "birdie" four at the fourteenth, also won the short fifteenth after hitting the flag wi.. his tee-shot, and the match was settled in his favour at the sixteenth, where Illingworth ballooned his drive, d.g out his second shot, with the result that the ball went but fifty yards, and then put his third to cover-point.

Veteran's Gallant Failure.

Straker became champion by defeating De Montmorency by one hole after a gallant fight by the veteran, who, although going out in thirty-four strokes, found himself one down at the ninth. Straker went into the lead at the third, where, after he had run over the ditch, he holed from three yards. He topped his spoon shot to the fifth to lose his advantage, but took the lead again by holing a four-yarder for a two at the ninth. After both had taken three putts at the tenth, which was halved, as were the next three holes, De Montmorency drove into the trees at the fourteenth to become two down, and he also required three putts at the fifteenth, which the veteran only halved instead of winning. Straker, two up with three holes to be played, lost his lead by finding the jungle country at the following two holes, but a glorious spoon shot to the home hole, which went to within seven feet of the pin, enabled him to win the hole and championship, for De Montmorency, who was four yards past in three and failed to get down his next putt, did not ask his opponent to putt.

A subsidiary competition, for which sixteen players had qualified, resulted in a win for R. Dash (Leatherhead), who beat E. G. B. Faulkner (Woodcote Park) by 5 and 4 in the final.

SEMI-FINALS.—R. H. de Montmorency (Sunningdale) beat P. C. Chase (Burhill) by 3 and 1; R. Straker (Walton Heath) beat G. Illingworth (Worplesdon) by 3 and 2.

FINAL.—Straker beat de Montmorency by 1 up.

SUBSIDIARY COMPETITION.

SEMI-FINALS.—R. Dash (Leatherhead) beat H. B. Banning (West Hill) by 3 and 2; E. G. B. Faulkner (Woodcote Park) beat J. F. Callaway (Hindhead) by 4 and 2.

FINAL.—Dash beat Faulkner by 5 and 4.

MISS FISHWICK FAILS TO QUALIFY.

Miss Diana Fishwick, the British lady champion, failed by one stroke to qualify for the match-play stages of the Whitsun Tournament which began over the North Foreland Club's course at Broadstairs yesterday. Miss Fishwick had a splendid round of 84, but as she was only allowed five strokes she failed to gain a place among the sixteen who qualified in the senior division, the last place being gained by W. T. Dunn (Molesey Hurst), who had a net score of 78. Miss Fishwick won the Whitsun tournament last year, and her win on that occasion was the fourth success in the club's holiday tournaments. Those who qualified were:—

SENIOR DIVISION.—P. L. Hardman (North Foreland), 74-3=71; R. H. Cobbold (Sunningdale), 79-4=75; J. C. Wolstenholme (Chorlton-cum-Hardy), 82-7=75; R. Woolf (North Foreland), 81-5=76; E. C. Thurston (North Foreland), 81-5=76; F. J. Abbott (Addington), 84-8=76; L. W. Farrow (North Foreland), 85-9=76; H. F. Chalkley (Wimbledon Park), 85-9=76; Miss Cutler-Jones (North Foreland), 86-10=76; Mrs. E. McLennan (North Foreland), 86-10=76; F. L. Paine (Coombe Hill), 78-1=77; W. M. Darvill (North Foreland), 83-6=77; A. W. Price (Old Fold Manor), 83-6=77; G. D. Elphick (North Foreland), 85-8=77; M. E. White (North Foreland), 85-8=77; W. T. Dunn (Molesey Hurst), 86-8=78.

JUNIOR DIVISION.—J. K. Peppercorn (North Foreland), 78-10=68; C. J. Allpass (Banstead Downs), 80-10=70; G. F. Rigden (Muswell Hill), 81-10=71; F. G. Fisher (North Foreland), 83-12=71; F. W. Fishwick (North Foreland), 83-12=71; Capt. Larsky (North Foreland), 83-12=71; R. Woolsey (Dartford), 85-13=72; W. Ross Smith (Sunningdale), 87-14=73; J. G. Price (North Foreland) 89-16=73; W. Trevor Watson (North Foreland) 86-12=74; R. T. C. Rice (Guildford), 90-16=74; G. Monkland (Sunningdale), 85-10=75; C. Hall (Moor Park), 91-16=75; R. L. Richardson (Mitcham), 86-10=76; H. E. J. Hoghton (Monteagle), 87-10=77; G. O. Ward (North Foreland), 93-16=77.

INTER-COUNTY MATCH HALVED.

Hertfordshire and Middlesex shared the honours of an inter-county match over the Sandy Lodge Club's course on Saturday, each side claiming six points. Hertfordshire lost the singles at 3½ points to 4½, but they won the foursomes by 2½ to 1½. In the leading single G. G. M Bennett, the Hertfordshire amateur champion, was beaten by 2 and 1 by L. A. Wilson, the Middlesex title-holder.

HALVED MATCH AT CAMBERLEY.

Camberley Heath, winning the Foursomes by 3 games to 1, were able to halve their match with Royal Navy and Royal Marines at Camberley Heath, the visitors having taken the Singles by 5 points to 3.

TOURNAMENT AT SANDWICH.

The annual Whitsun prize singles tournament commenced over the Royal St. George's Club's course at Sandwich yesterday, when matches in the first, second and third round were decided. Those who qualified for the fourth round were:—

Hubert Cox (9), Claude Marzetti (scr.), Major J. S. Hughes (3), Capt. R. Gordon-Canning (8), N. G. Anderson (5), H. J. Mappin (7), K. W. Newall (9), Lieut.-Col. G. A. McL. Sceales (6), Colonel F. Penn (5), Captain R. Orred (7), J. E. Monins (8), G. D. Hannay (scr.).

SHERINGHAM MEETING.

The annual Open Whitsun meeting of the Sheringham club was begun yesterday. The medal round for the Rodney Eaton Cup resulted in a tie between Sir Clement Everitt (10) and D. Babington-Smith (13), both members of the home club, who had net scores of 74. A bogey foursomes competition for the Anthony Lyster cups resulted in a win for E. A. Read and H. B. Warner, who, receiving eight strokes, finished two down.

CLUB COMPETITIONS.

BEACONSFIELD.—M.B.—First Div.: E. G. Allen (4) and J. H. Mudie (9), tied at all sq. Second Div.: Dr. Hoskin (15), 4 down.

BRAMLEY.—M.M. (Sen.).—W. E. Butler, 72 − 2 = 70. Jun.: A. E. Jones, 87 − 16 = 71.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE.—M.M.: P. A. T. H. Harmsworth, 85 − 10 = 75.

BOGNOR.—Open Medal: G. B. Wood (Bognor) 81 − 9 = 72

BURNHAM BEECHES.—Whitsun Meeting.—O.M.: E. H. Buckley, 82 − 14 = 68. O.B.: J. P. Willmott (8 1 up.

CHIGWELL.—Jackson Bowl: K. F. Alder, 77−7 =70, and J. H. Tate 84−14=70, tied.

CLACTON ON-SEA. — O. Meeting. — M.: E. Clutten 87−15=72. B.: Dr. Heaton (14) 1 up. Scr. J. F. Brown, 78.

COOMBE WOOD.—Whitsun Meeting.—M.: E. T. Newman, 83−12=71; A. L Fraser, 82−9=73. Four-ball B.: H. W. Lowe (3½) and Major A. F. Becke (4) 3 up: A D. Chisholm (3) and W. I. Farrand (6½) 2 up. Weekly M.: R. B. Foster, 78 (scr.), 78.

COODEN BEACH.—M.B—First Div.: Capt. H. C. Boucher (8) and J. P Orford (11) tied at all sq. Second Div Rev. J. R. Napier (18) all sq.; E. M Spink (16) 2 down.

CULVERDEN (Tunbridge Wells).— O.M.: A. C. Happell, 76−10=66, J. R. K. Pennink, 73−6=67.

EALING.—M.M.—1st Div.: J. R. Handforth, 84−12=72. 2nd Div.: A. A. Brookes, 93−18=75.

ENFIELD.—M.M. (G.).—G. Hasse, 80 − 5 = 75, and F. G. Johns, 84 − 9 = 75 tied. (S.).: A. L. Stockwin, 90−18=72.

GOODWOOD.—Hosp. B.: C. F. Lock (scr.), all sq.

HASTINGS.—M.M.: W. A. Evershed, 92−18=74.

HADLEY WOOD.—Sir W. B. Peat's Cup: J. M. Lock (4) 75 +79=154. M.M.—Sen.: J. M. Lock, 80−5=75. Jun: R. Spears, 92−14=78.

HENDON.—M.M.—Sen.: R. F. Williams, 83−10=73. Jun.: Lieut.-Col. E. F. Ward, 90−18=72.

HERNE BAY.—Whitsun Cup: G. A. Gill, 86−18=68.

KNEBWORTH.—Club prize: W. T. Workman, 88−14=74.

LEATHERHEAD.—Finke C.C.: A. C. Lightfoot (10) and H. Johnson (12), tied at 152.

LITTLEHAMPTON.—B.: D. G. Liddle (7), 1 down.

MAIDENHEAD.—C.C.: E. A. S. Brooks, 79−2=77.

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POLO.

FINALS AT HURLINGHAM.

SANFORD CHALLENGE CUP.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Yesterday the polo programme at Hurlingham, where play took place in very pleasant weather, included the final ties of two tournaments. The principal event was the final match for the Sanford Challenge Cup. For this tournament, which is a middle handicap event, being limited to teams totalling not less than 18 points and not more than 25 points, there were five entries, but only three of them competed, the Royal Artillery team and Mr. G. Madlener's Merchiston side both scratching. In the semi-final round Mr. S. Sanford's Hurricanes "A" team beat Major R. L. Benson's Cavaliers by 7 goals to 4, and so qualified to fight out yesterday's final with Capt. W. S. McCreery's Stowell team. It was played on the club's No. 1 ground, and after a moderate game resulted in an easy win for the Hurricanes, who conceded a goal and a-half, by 10 goals to 5½.

Stowell were the first to score, Mr. Bovill, their No. 1, adding a goal to their handicap allowance soon after the start of the game. The Hurricanes also made 2 goals in the opening period, Mr Sanford scoring with a cross shot and Capt. Tremayne at very long range. Adding 3 goals in the next chukker, and two more in the third period, the Hurricanes were leading at half-time by 7 goals to 2½. It was level scoring in the second half of the game. Mr. Sanford hit five of the winners' goals, Capt. Tremayne three, and Mr. Balding two. Mr. Sanford thus became the holder of the challenge cup that he himself gave to Hurlingham, and it was presented to him by Lady Weymouth. The teams were:—

HURRICANES A.—Mr. S. Sanford, Mr. G. Balding, Capt. C. M. Tremayne, and Capt. J. de Pret (back).

STOWELL.—Mr. W. F. Bovill, Capt. W. S. McCreery, Mr. P. W. Dollar, and Capt. D. J. E. Norton (back).

Simultaneously the final tie of the Weekly Cup opening tournament was played on the No. 2 ground between the Dolphins team and the Rebels team. At half-time the board read one goal all. In the fifth chukker the Rebels led by 5—1, but before the final bell the Dolphins had drawn level at 5—5, and after extra time the Dolphins won by 6 goals to 5. The teams were:—

DOLPHINS.—Mr. G. A. Newmann, Capt. G. V. Scott-Douglas, The Maharaja of Jaipur, and Comdr. F. J. Alexander (back).

REBELS.—Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. A. Brunner, Major S. S. Lee and Major R. H. A. D. Love (back).

RANELAGH GAMES.

The final tie of the Spring Handicap tournament at Ranelagh between the Hon Henry Mond's team of Gatecrashers and the Flamingoes produced an interesting game, the Gatecrashers, with a start of 5½ goals, winning by the bare fraction of their start—6½ goals to 6. The Flamingoes, with three goals hit by Mr. David in the opening chukker, started very well, but the Gatecrashers, who had a very hard worker in Captain Vincent, gave them a hard game from that point. They were only able to score once themselves, through Captain Vincent, but two chukkers were drawn blank, and they appeared to have the game well in hand when they changed ponies for the last time, leading by 2½ goals. In a capital finish the Flamingoes made a determined effort to save the game, but though Mr. David and Captain Butler scored goals for them, they just failed. The teams were:—

GATECRASHERS.—Mr. R. Farquhar, Sir Peter Farquhar, Capt. A. B. P. L. Vincent, the Hon. Henry Mond (back).

FLAMINGOES.—Mr. A. David, Capt. P. J. Butler, Major H. E. Lyons, and Major P. Magor (back).

The Australian team with the four brothers Ashton playing as Goulburn, gave another very good account of themselves, though beaten in an ordinary match by the Pilgrims by 7 goals to 6. The Pilgrims were reinforced by Captain C. T. I. Roark, and were four points superior to the tourists on the handicap, but they played level, and it was a keenly interesting struggle for a large muster of spectators. The Australians did not start with their customary dash, and goals were hit against them at once by Mr. G. E. Prior Palmer and Captain Roark, and though Philip Ashton got a point back, another goal by Captain Roark left the Pilgrims leading by 3—1 at half-time. The visitors were seen to greater advantage afterwards, and at one period in the second chukker the scores were 3 goals all. Still, largely because of Captain Roark's excellent play, the Pilgrims led by two goals at the mid-way change of ponies From that point the thrust and pace of the Australians against their stronger rivals made for a great contest. It was a case of a goal for a goal, with the Pilgrims clinging to the lead, and just at the end the Australians hit through an equalising goal, but it was disallowed, as the bell had sounded the end of the game. Teams:—

PILGRIMS.—Mr. G. E. Prior-Palmer, Capt. C. T. I. Roark, Capt. H. N. Scott-Robson, Mr. A. Grisar (back).

GOULBURN.—Mr. P. S. K. Ashton, G. G. Ashton, J. H. Ashton, and R. R. Ashton (back).

ROEHAMPTON CUP.

The 17th/21st Lancers gained an unexpectedly easy victory in the second semi-final tie of the Roehampton Cup tournament yesterday afternoon, for they defeated Major Jack Harrison's Knaves by 14½ goals to 2, after being given a start of 1½ goals on handicap. As can be anticipated from the result, the Knaves were right out of form, while the Lancers were in splendid condition. The subalterns worked hard all the time, as also did Colonel Lockett, the commanding officer.

The Lancers scored twice in the first chukker, four times in the second, and twice in the third, to lead by 9½ goals to love at half-time. Then early in the fourth period Major Harrison obtained the Knaves' first goal, following a free hit, but this was neutralised by a goal from the stick of Mr. Walford before the bell. The Lancers had two further goals to their credit in the fifth chukker, and then the Comte de la Maza hit the Knaves' final goal. The Lancers had two further goals in the final period to win as stated above. Teams:—

17th-21st LANCERS.—Messrs. B. B. B. Cooke, D. C. J. Miller, H. C. Walford, and Lt.-Col. V. N. Lockett (back).

KNAVES.—Comte de la Maza, Capt. R. George, Mr. Aidan Roark, and Major J. F. Harrison (back).

The evening game, played on the No. 2 ground, resulted in a draw between the Cavaliers and a Club side, the board reading seven goals all. Teams:—

CAVALIERS.—Col. T. P. Melvill, Capt. J. F. Sanderson, Major E. G. Atkinson, and Major R. L. Benson (back).

ROEHAMPTON.—Mr. M. D. Blair, Mr. R. Treeck, Col. P. K. Wise, and Mr. J. A. E. Traill (back).

MOTOR-CYCLE RELIABILITY TRIAL.

Every type of motor-cycle and motor-car, from a diminutive Francis-Barnett to a huge and powerful Bentley, were included among the 200 competitors who started from Wrotham Park, Barnet, on Friday night, for the Motor Cycling Club's London-Edinburgh all-night and all-day reliability trial. Things went fairly easily for the contestants during the first 200 miles of the 400-miles journey.

When the Yorkshire hills were reached, however, trouble began for many of the competitors, especially on Park Rash Hill, near Kettlewell.

Thirty-two solo motor-cycles, fourteen sidecars, and nine cyclecars have already checked in at Edinburgh, and up to a late hour last night others were steadily streaming into the town.

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MALDEN.—M.M.—Sen.: E. J. Adams, 89−12=77. Jun.: R. D. Lynde, 83−14=69.

MANNINGS HEATH.—Stamford Foursomes prize: G. H. Peacock and J. O. Lintott (4), 4 down.

MUSWELL HILL.—M.M.: First class: O. E. Tattersall, 86−11=75.

NORTH MIDDLESEX.—S.G.M.: S. Schollick, 78+83=161. C.P. (3rd Qualifying Round): A. Bugler, 91−18=73. Jun. M.M.: A. Bugler.

NORTH SURREY.—M.M.—Sen.: H. Reeves, 79−10=69. Jun.: A. E. Cogden, 85−18=67. W. H. Dogget Hospital Trophy: A. E. Cogden, 85−18=67.

NORTHWOOD.—Whitsun M.—Sen.: F. H. Wickham, 81−6=75. Jun.: B. Curwen, 86−16=70.

OXHEY.—M.B.: R. D. Blackwell (7) and R. C. Lancaster (8) tied at 1 up.

PORTER'S PARK.—C.P.: A. G. Snelling, 74−1=73. M.M.—Sen.: A. G. Snelling, 74−1=73.

REDHILL AND REIGATE.—M.M.—Sen.: R. W. H. Taylor, 77 scratch 77. Jun.: V. G. C. Robbins, 90−14=76. and C. G. Silcock, 92−16=76, tied.

RICHMOND.—M.B.—Sen.: J. D. Pritchard (7), 2 up. Jun.: C. D. O. Cooper (15), 1 down.

ROYAL MID-SURREY.—Fortnightly M.—Sen.: G. Brown, 77−4=73. and C. C. Castle, 81−8=73, tied. Jun.: M. Granger Harrison. 89−10=79, and J. H. Scott, 91−12=79, tied.

SIDCUP.—M.M.—Div. I: C. Stewart, 81−9=72. Div. II.: N. D. Bond. 88−14=74.

TANDRIDGE.—Cohen Cup: Martin J. Slattery, 91−18=73. Worthington-Evans Scr. Cup: N. A. Cohen, 79—scr.=79

WEST HERTS.—M.B.—Sen.: R. L. Sykes (1) 1 up; H. W. Barner (10) 2 down. Jun.: L. O. Hewlett (18) 2 down.

WIMBLEDON PARK.—M.B.—Sen.: E. B. Dickson (4), 1 up. Jun.: H. O. Peake (11), 1 down.

RACING NOTES.

DERBY LESSONS.

CLASSIC COLTS A MODERATE LOT.

SOME UNLUCKY LOSERS.

By "FAIRWAY."

The result of last Wednesday's classic proved many things, chiefly that over the Epsom course it is of little use paying too much attention to what has happened elsewhere. It also proved that the classic colts of this season are a moderate lot, if, as we are entitled to believe, Blenheim is the pick, for he was good enough to come through in the closing stages of the race, after being slowly away, and win fairly comfortably. Possibly we should have seen a different result had not three riders, including C. Ray, who rode Diolite, not attempted to take the lead from each other in the first five furlongs. Undoubtedly the tear-away gallop they caused spoilt their chances. For a little colt like Diolite it was asking too much to come through all the way at top speed.

Rustom Pasha's winning prospects were ruined by this mad dash from the gate, but there was consolation, for the tactics enabled the stable-companion to win.

FAIR ISLE'S FAILURE.

Fair Isle's failure in the Oaks was due to lack of stamina. She was beautifully ridden, but a mile and a-quarter was as far as she could travel with a winning chance. The winner of the fillies' race was Rose of England, and the style in which she scored proved her to be a long way the best of her sex. The One Thousand Guineas form worked out fairly well. It confirmed the impression that Fair Isle has not an equal among her sex and age over a mile.

In a way the Coronation Cup was a disappointment. Instead of the race being a test over a mile and a-half, it developed into a six-furlong dash. Possibly Plantago would have won in any case, but as it was he found the better turn of speed. There are, of course, many other events of importance that Palais Royal II. can figure in, but his next appearance will be in the Gold Cup at Ascot.

Persse ran a nice youngster in the Acorn Plate, who, I think, will win next time out. This was Miss Jinks, who, on the strength of what she had shown on the Stockbridge gallops, was gambled on. Although beaten, I have little doubt that she will prove the best of the youngsters that ran at the meeting. Presumably she will next be seen out at Ascot.

A MANCHESTER CUP CANDIDATE.

It is a matter of more than slight importance that Paul Caret is to figure in the Manchester Cup on Friday, for there is little doubt the Manton colt has an outstanding chance. There are, of course, many other opportunities close at hand for Lawson to exploit this colt, but not with more favourable prospects, and the news that this is the engagement selected has no doubt solved a problem for many.

It was, of course, his fine performance at Chester that caused him to become such a popular fancy for next Friday's handicap. There he proved that any distance beyond two miles is against him. I am inclined to doubt if he really stays much beyond a mile and a-half over a galloping course, but on this score we shall be enlightened on Friday. There will be a fair amount of opposition, for the event is most popular.

The state of the going will no doubt be the deciding factor in the case of Posterity, for unless the turf is yielding he is of little use. He is a colt we are bound to be interested in, owing to the promise he showed last year when the conditions were mostly unfavourable. In both the Derby and St. Leger he left the impression that he was almost up to classic standard, and the fact that the Ascot Gold Cup is an engagement that has been singled out for him hints that the progress he has made since has been at least normal.

The Niche and Promptitude are two that have run well enough to suggest that they have good chances, but the obvious fancy is PAUL CARET.

Another interesting event at the Manchester fixture is the Salford Borough Handicap. There are now only eight left in, and from what was seen of Fleeting Memory at Epsom it is unlikely that Earl will rely upon Porthole instead unless it is intended to keep the former for the Royal Hunt Cup. Fleeting Memory was left many lengths when seen out against To You, and according to the many lengths he made up he is entitled to be specially noted for his next engagement even if he misses this.

The week is crowded with programmes of more than ordinary interest, and while touching on the subject of unlucky losers seen out last week it may be as well to note that but for being hampered in the last few strides Whoopee would have won. This three-year-old is engaged at Gatwick on Friday.

A HUNT CUP FANCY.

The Royal Hunt Cup has now become a race it is possible to be interested in, for quite a number of the candidates have been seen out of late. A colt that I have a strong fancy for is Midlothian, for by his performance in the "Jubilee" he showed that, even if of little use beyond a mile, he is the ideal stamp for the seven furlongs and a few odd yards at Ascot. He appears to be nicely in this handicap with 7 st. 10 lb. There are, of course, many others with good chances. Fanatist is likely to develop into a popular fancy, but the other appeals more.

I append a few selections for the week:—

HURST PARK.—Monday.

Sorrel Plate.—WINDYBRAE.
Penrhyn Cup.—GALHAMPTON.
Holiday Plate.—GRANDMASTER.

HURST PARK.—Tuesday.

Vyner Plate.—CAMACHA.

REDCAR.—Monday.

Saltburn Handicap.—KEN HILL.
Yearby Handicap.—PURE FUR.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Monday.

Holiday Handicap.—THE CHEERFUL ABBOT.
Whitsuntide Handicap.—LAND O' BURNS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Tuesday.

Bradford Handicap.—BROADWALK.

MANCHESTER.—Wednesday.

King Coal Handicap. — GLOUCESTER HUSSAR.
Foal Stakes.—LAWLESS FILLY.

MANCHESTER.—Thursday.

Northern Stakes.—FLORENCE DOMBEY.
Mark Price Handicap.—COUNTY WICKLOW.

MANCHESTER.—Friday.

Cup.—PAUL CARET.
Cotton Stakes.—PHALAROPE.

MANCHESTER.—Saturday.

Salford Handicap.—FLEETING MEMORY.
Lytham Stakes.—S.O.S.

GATWICK.—Friday.

Gatwick Handicap.—SEA HUSSAR.
Home-Bred Plate.—SORDO.

GATWICK.—Saturday.

June Handicap.—MONSIEUR NEUF.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

MANCHESTER CUP.—Saracen, at 9 a.m. yesterday.

ROYAL HUNT CUP and WOKINGHAM STAKES.—Falsacapa, at 9 a.m. yesterday.

MANCHESTER MEETING.—Irlams o' th Height Stakes: The Dominie, Parchment II. Lenox, Misprint. Wolverton Plate: Forum II. Wendover. Chorlton Plate: Forum II., Artois. Northern Stakes: Heaven Sent, Heliopolis. Red Rose Stakes: Orle. Gay Friar, Banchor, Square Sail. Grove Handicap: Maid of Early. Midi Lytham Stakes: Instar.

ASCOT MEETING.—Hardwicke Stakes: Bulldog, Potiphar II., Slipper. Wokingham Stakes: Quothquan Prince of Wales's Stakes: Banchor. Britannia Stakes: De Medicus, Banchor. Granville Stakes and King Edward VII. Stakes: Square Sail. Waterford Stakes: Medallist. Jersey Stakes Square Sail. Coventry Stakes and Windsor Castle Stakes: Lord Darnley, Quatre Bras II.

Yesterday's Racing.

GREAT WEEK ENDS

NEFERTARI WINS.

SMALL FIELDS AT THREE MEETINGS.

From OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

KEMPTON PARK, Saturday.

The defeat of Puella in the Kenton Court Plate here this afternoon was most decisive. The filly made a poor show, and Indian File proved good enough to outstay Essex Beacon. Harry Wragg, the successful jockey, also won the St. Margaret's Plate on Lord Fairhaven's Bedraggled, also trained by O. Bell at Lambourn. Lord Derby was present to see Savoia run in the latter selling race, but this Sansovino filly did very badly

A great surprise was the complete upset of Golden Grace in the Bendigo Plate, the principal prize of the afternoon. Iliad did not run after his Derby effort, and in his absence Golden Grace, from Blenheim's stable, became an odds-on chance

The latter was unequal to the task, and the race was won by Nefertari. This filly scored quite comfortably. She is trained by Braime, and owned by Mr. F. J. Alexander.

Lady Ludlow's pretty colours on Quadrel, a good-looking Tetratema colt, were cheered by the crowd when the grey captured the Redfern Plate. The winner was in the forefront all the way. Details:—

3.0.—KENTON COURT (S.) PLATE (£400) (3-Y.-O.) (1m.).

Indian File (Mr. O. Bell), 8 st. 4 lb. (H. Wragg) 1
Essex Beacon (Mr. P. Hands), ch g by Essexford—St. George's Light, 8 st. 11 lb. (S. Wragg) 2
Tulchan (Mr. Hornung), ch c by Buchan—Appleby, 8 st. 7 lb. .... (Elliott) 3

Also ran: Puella, Spartan, Naval Review, Hilltoi, Tight Lines. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 11 to 8 agst Puella, 7 to 2 Tulchan, 9 to 2 Essex Beacon, 6 to 1 Naval Review, 100 to 6 INDIAN FILE and others. 1½ l., neck.

Totalisator (2s. stake).—Win, 55s.; places, 6s., 2s. 9d., 3s.; win pool, 7,554; place pool, 7,794.

3.30.—ST. MARGARET'S (S.) PLATE (£400) (2-Y.-O.) (5f.).

Bedraggled (Ld Fairhaven), b g by Eaglehawk—Rainstorm, 8 st. 11 lb. ...(H. Wragg) 1
Chivalresque (Mrs. Whitburn), b g by Chivalrous—Sundrella, 8 st. 11 lb. (H. Beasley) 2
Savoia (Lord Derby), b f by Sansovino—Nymphida, 8 st., 6 lb. ....(Weston) 3

Also ran: Goosander Rich Cissy, Silver Sound, Champneys, Iceblink, Speedway, Kitchen Maid, Copra, Kinmount, Tingaling. (Winner trained by O. Bell.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 11 to 8 agst Chivalresque, 4 to 1 Savoia, 5 to 1 BEDRAGGLED, 10 to 1 Goosander, Iceblink, Kitchen Maid, 100 to 8 Silver Sound, 20 to 1 others. ½ l., 4 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 13s. 9d.; places, 5s., 3s. 6d., 3s. 6d.; win pool, 8,504; place pool, 7,006.

4.0.—BENDIGO PLATE (£750) (3-Y.-O.) (1m.).

Nefertari (Mr. F. J. Alexander), g f by Junior—Nile Valley, 8 st. 7 lb. (Perryman) 1
Gay Friar (Lt.-Col. Guinness), b c by Friar Marcus—Mademoiselle Pictet, 8 st. 10 lb. (Elliott) 2
Golden Grace (Vicomte de Fontarce), b c by Blandford—Grace Mary, 8 st. 10 lb. (Beary) 3

Also ran: Archimedes, Gay Vixen. (Winner trained by Braime.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 6 to 4 on Golden Grace, 2 to 1 agst Gay Friar, 100 to 9 NEFERTARI, 100 to 6 others. 1 l., 4 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 20s. 3d.; places, 10s. 3d., 4s. 3d.; win pool, 7,355; place pool, 3,697.

4.30.—REDFERN PLATE (£500) (2-Y.O.) (5f.).

Quadrel (Lady Ludlow), br c by Tetratema—Argil, 8 st. 3 lb. .... (Elliott) 1
Buland Bibi (H.H. the Aga Khan), b f by Blandford—Saffian, 8 st. .... (Beary) 2
Pelote (M. de St. Alary), b f by Breebun—Mysia, 8 st. .... (S. Donoghue) 3

Also ran: Silver Mystery, Earna colt, Shell Transport, Decorum, Gift Horse, Land o' Cakes, Norfolk, Diosun, Ridgeway, Celtic II., Squander filly, Roi des Alpes, Imagery filly, Forelle. (Winner trained by W. Nightingall.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 6 to 4 agst QUADREL, 6 to 1 Celtic II., 8 to 1 Decorum, Ridgeway, Pelote, 10 to 1 Earna colt, Norfolk, 100 to 8 Buland Bibi, 33 to 1 others. 1½ l., 3 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 10s.; places, 3s. 9d., 8s. 9d., 7s. 6d.; win pool, 8,357; place pool, 7,077.

5.0.—WINDSOR CASTLE PLATE (£200) (7f.).

Barrack Law (Sir H. Cunliffe-Owen), br f by Son-in-Law—Sundrilla, 4 yrs., 9 st. 5 lb. (H. Wragg) 1
Princess Galahad (Mr. McKay) ch m by Prince Galahad—Penny Flyer, 5 yrs., 7 st. 10 lb. ....(Fox) 2
Golden Cloud (Mr. Cuddy), gr c by Milesius—Fariat, 4 yrs., 8 st. 10 lb..............(Wing) 3

Also ran: Old Herkie, Royal Lad, Black Ensign, Grazzia, Lonevana, Blue Haze, Footmark, Good Sport, Brown Tony, Red Queen, Royal Blush, Kinprilis, Cornette. (Winner trained by O. Bell.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle*: 4 to 1 agst Golden Cloud, 5 to 1 Blue Haze, 7 to 1 BARRACK LAW, 8 to 1 Royal Lad, Princess Galahad, 10 to 1 Brown Tony, Red Queen, 100 to 9 Grazzia, 20 to 1 others ¾ l., 1½ l.

Totalisator.—Win, 12s. 3d.; places, 3s. 9d., 4s. 3d., 6s.; win pool, 10,296; place pool, 8,813.

5.30.—QUEEN'S PLATE (£200) (2m.).

Montclair (Mr. Esmond), ch c by Spion Kop—Masr, 4 yrs., 9 st. 4 lb. .... (Jelliss) 1
Libertine II. (M. de St. Alary), b f by Bruleur—Lovely Nightie, 4 yrs., 8 st. 8 lb. (P. Beasley) 2
South Hill (Mr. Blagrave), b g by Southannan—Georgette, 8 yrs., 8 st. 12 lb. (Collins) 3

Also ran: Court News, Alexena, Lord Bobs. (Winner trained by J. Jarvis.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 5 to 4 agst Libertine II., 3 to 1 MONTCLAIR, 5 to 1 Lord Bobs, 6 to 1 South Hill, 20 to 1 others. Head, 3 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 10s. 6d.; places, 4s. 3d., 3s.; win pool, 6,160; place pool, 2,946.

Total Investments.—Win, £4,822 12s.; place, £3,733 6s.

BOGSIDE.

2.15.—TROON JUVENILE (S.) PLATE (£150) (2-Y.-O.) (5f.).—**Seldom Wrong filly** (2 to 1 on, T. Barber), **1;** Chariot (100 to 8 agst, Thwaites), 2; Lady Caroline colt (3 to 1, Wadsworth), 3. 6 ran. (Winner trained by F. Armstrong). 2 l., 1½ l.

Totalisator (2s. stake).—Win, 3s.; places, 2s. 9d., 8s. 9d.; win pool, 4,788; place pool, 6,474.

2.45.—MONKTON (S.) H'CAP PLATE (£150) (5f.).—**Darboy** (2 to 1 on, Crossley), **1;** High Crag (4 to 1 agst, Nevett), 2; Little Toy (100 to 7, W. McCafferty), 3. 5 ran. (Winner trained by D. Taylor.) 4 l., 1½ l.

Totalisator.—Win, 3s. 6d.; places, 2s. 6d., 3s.; win pool, 4,914; place pool, 5,714.

3.15.—AILSA H'CAP PLATE (£200) (1½m.).—**Prohibition** (2 to 1 agst, Thwaites), **1;** Red Laird (6 to 4, Molyneux), 2; Swashbuckler (100 to 6, Crossley), 3. 5 ran. (Winner trained by Bazley). 1 l.; head.

Totalisator.—Win 6s. 9d.; places, 2s. 9d., 2s. 6d.; win pool, 5,966; place pool, 6,054.

3.45.—PORTLAND H'CAP PLATE (£150) (3-Y.-O.) (1m.).—**Capelrig** (3 to 1 on, Nevett), **1;** Sea Wrack (3 to 1 agst, R. Charlton), 2. 3 ran. (Winner trained by Peacock.) 3 l. Only two finished.

Totalisator.—Win 2s. 9d.; pool, 5,690.

4.15.—IRVINE PLATE (£150) (2-Y.O.) (5f.).—**Forest Knight** (3 to 1 on, Wadsworth), **1;** Plutocrat (3 to 1 agst, T. Burns), 2; Knight's Folly (33 to 1, C. Brown), 3. 3 ran. (Winner trained by Thomson.) 2 l., 6 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 2s. 6d.; pool, 9,019.

4.45.—GAILES PLATE (£135) (1m.).—**General O'Malley** (6 to 4 on, T. Burns), **1;** White Winter (7 to 1 agst, R. Crisp), 2; Impertinence (50 to 1, Gethin) 3. 5 ran. (Winner trained by Burns.) ¾ l., 1 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 3s. 3d.; places, 2s. 9d., 4s.; win pool, 7,697; place pool, 5,369.

Total Investments.—Win, £3,810 8s.; place, £2,361 2s.

SOUTHWELL.

2.35.—KELHAM H'CAP HURDLE RACE (£70) (2½m.).—**Dunshaughlin** (5 to 1 agst, Everett), **1;** Souvenance (100 to 8, E. Foster), †; Mr. J. B. (100 to 8, R. Lyall), †. 6 ran. (Winner trained by Law.) 3 l., dead-heat.

Totalisator (2s. stake).—Win, 7s. 6d.; places, 4s. 6d., 14s. 3d.; win pool, 2,494: place pool, 1,258.

3.5.—UPTON (S.) H'CAP. HURDLE RACE (£70) (2m.).—**Benella** (6 to 1 agst, E. Parker) **1;** Scorn (100 to 8, Everett), 2; Rafnam (6 to 1, Mr. Bissill), 3. 6 ran. (Winner trained by Sheridan.) ¾ l., head.

Totalisator.—Win, 24s. 3d.; places, 6s. 3d., 6s.; win pool, 2,148; place pool, 1,413.

3.35.—FARNDON HURDLE RACE (£70) (2½m.).—**Bonar Bridge** (7 to 4 on, W. Payne), **1;** Bugle Call (9 to 2 agst, J. Hamey), 2; Moral (9 to 2, Hodgkinson) 3. 4 ran. (Winner trained by W. Payne.) 10 l., 5 l.

Totalisator.—Win 3s. 3d.; pool, 2,942.

4.5. — THURGARTON (S.) H'CAP CHASE (£70) (2m.).—**Burnt Heather** (4 to 1 agst, F. Bellears), **1;** Ballywin (2 to 1 J. Ward), 2; Smilin' Through (9 to 4, Mr G. Langlands), 3. 5 ran. (Winner trained by Hurt.) 8 l., 6 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 13s. 6d.; places, 5s., 4s. 9d.; win pool, 2,520; place pool, 912.

4.35.—FISKERTON H'CAP STEEPLECHASE (£70) (2m.).—**Here's Hoping** (100 to 8 agst, E. Foster), **1;** Strumlever (10 to 1, J. Regan), 2; Nelly Kelly (7 to 2, Mr. Dixon), 3. 6 ran. (Winner trained by Hall.) 10 l., 3 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 21s. 3d.; places, 9s. 6d., 7s.; win pool, 3,061; place pool 1,767

5.5 —SOUTH NOTTS HUNTERS' CHASE (£70) (3m.) —**Hank** (11 to 10 agst, Mr. Newcombe), **1;** Watershoot (3 to 1, Mr. Langlands), 2; Elaine (6 to 1, Mr. Whitfield), 3. 8 ran. (Winner trained by Gale.) Neck, distance.

Totalisator.—Win, 4s. 9d.; places, 2s. 9d., 2s. 9d., 3s. 6d.; win pool, 3,191; place, 2,194.

Total Investments.—Win. £1,635 12s.; place, £754 8s.

SWIMMING.

OXFORD BEAT BARRY.

In a swimming match at Oxford the University beat Barry (South Wales) in the team race by one yard in 45 4-5 sec., and won the water polo match by 5 goals to 2. Hofmeyr (3), Race, and Jackson scored for Oxford, while Burton and Lloyd netted for Barry.

ROWING.

CHISWICK AMATEUR REGATTA.

KINGSTON R.C.'s SUCCESS.

The Richmond and Twickenham Amateur Regatta falling through, owing to heavy river traffic, the committee of Chiswick Best Boat Regatta brought forward their fixture to yesterday, when the usual course between the Anglian B.C. at Strand-on-the-Green and the Ship at Mortlake was utilised. Details:—

JUNIOR EIGHTS (Ronald Studd Cup).—Heat 1: Kingston R.C., 1; Polytechnic Schools B.C., 2; Midland Bank R.C., 3. Heat 2: Auriol R.C., 1; Quintin B.C. "B" crew, 2; Imperial College B.C. 3. Heat 3: Anglian B.C., 1; Kensington Argyll R.C., 2; Kensington R.C., 3. Heat 4: Quintin B.C. "A" crew, 1; Westminster Bank R.C., 2. Heat 5: Twickenham R.C., 1; Mortlake R.C., 2. Heat 6: Kingston R.C., 1; Auriol R.C., 2. Heat 7: Quintin B.C. "A" crew, 1; Twickenham R.C., 2; Anglian B.C., 0.

Final: (Surrey station) Kingston R.C., B. D. Hart (bow), H. S. Tollet, D. B. Pugh C. J. Estler, N. Natvig, R. A. Baker, N. Langdon-Down, R. D. Clement (str.), and G. P. Hart (cox), 1; (Middlesex station) Quintin B.C. "A" crew, G. H. Madge (bow), L. R. Sudbury, A. O. Collins, H. Dagwell, F. Bohme, R. F. W. Robson, A. F. Taylor, L. A. Mulford (str.), and E. W. Bingham (cox), 2. Won by 2 lengths.

JUNIOR-SENIOR FOURS.—Final: (Centre station) Midland Bank R.C., A. E. Tampsett (bow), F. H. Trevett, J. Peall, and R. J. Badham (str.), 1; (Middlesex station) Ibis R.C., L. W. Wilson (bow), V. Findlay, K. G. Stoyle, and E. B. Chick (str.), 2; (Surrey station) Kensington R.C., S. E. Ashton (bow), H. G. Bryson, P. Edwards, and R. F. Boyton (str.), 3. Won by 1½ lengths.

JUNIOR-SENIOR EIGHTS.—Heat 1: Cavendish R.C., 1; National Provincial Bank R.C., 2; Thames R.C., 3. Heat 2: Harrodian R.C., 1; Midland Bank R.C., 2.

Final: (Surrey station) Cavendish R.C., D. L. Gilchrist (bow), H. C. Fowler, S. E. Crutchfield, R. Waldock, W. H. Hawkins, J. R. Whitfield, G. H. Bellis, H. Edwards (str.), and L. R. Hayward (cox), 1; (Middlesex station) Harrodian R.C., F. J. Hall (bow), E. Baker, W. H. Rogers, R. J. Kinsey, S. G. Stimpson, R. Griffin, C. J. Earle, G. H. Bubear (str.), and J. R. Waddell (cox), 2. Won by ½ length.

OXFORD CHALLENGE PAIRS.

The final heat of the Silver Challenge Pair, rowed at Oxford, produced one of the best races witnessed on the Isis for a long time, although in the end the Brasenose pair, A. Graham (Eton) and C. M. Johnston (Shrewsbury) won by a margin of 12 sec. The Mixed Pair, L. Clive (Eton and Christ Church) and R. H. Dutton (St. Peters, Adelaide and University) got away very smartly, and had all the best of matters over the first half of the course. After passing the New Cut, however, Brasenose, who were then half a length to the bad began to draw up, and for the next quarter of a mile it was anybody's race. Brasenose kept up their form, while the other crew went to pieces, being clean rowed out, and Brasenose securing the lead before reaching the Cherwell, retained it to the end. The other crew fouled the banks between the Semaphores, but it did not affect the result. This was Brasenose's third successive victory. Time, 7 min. 58½ sec.

ETON ROWING.

The Eton lower boys' pulling race was rowed on the Thames, the course being from Brocas Clump up-stream to Sandbank and back to Jacob's Boathouse. Details:—

HEAT 1.—W. G. Gordon and A. J. Marsden, 1; R. Inglis Jones and R. E. Serocold, 2; P. St. V. Sanmarez and A. Boyd, 3; J. R. Whitbread and M. Montgomery, 4. Time, 11 min. 20 sec.

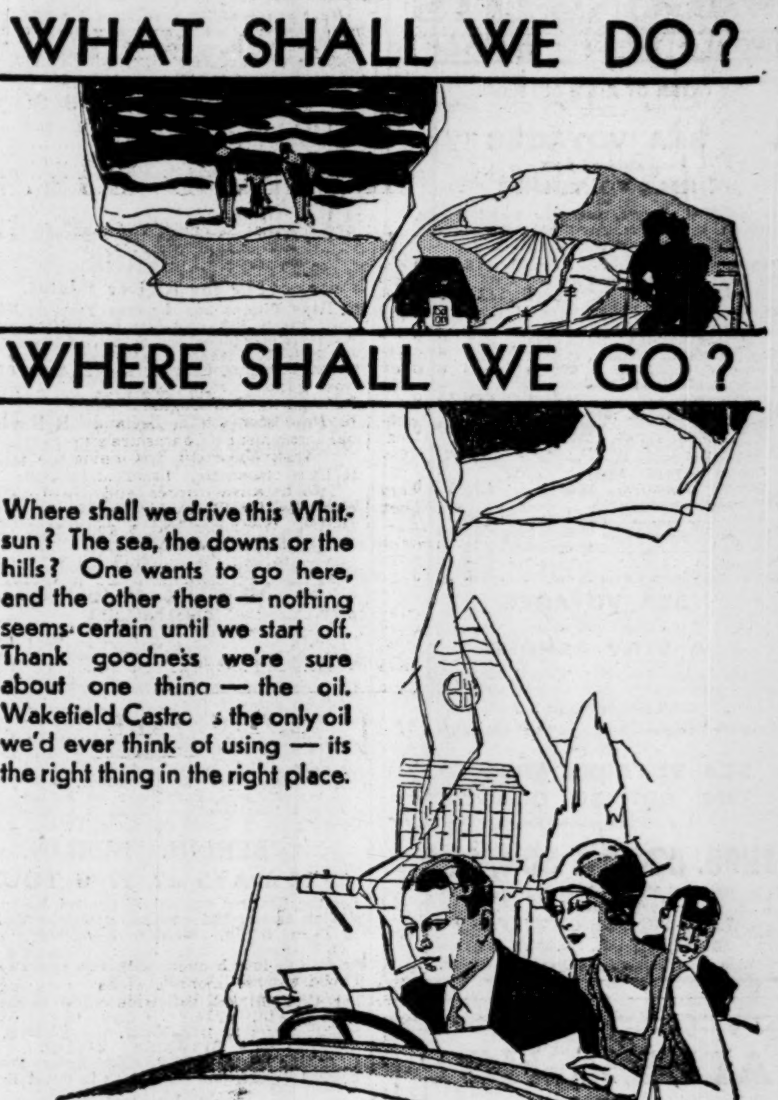
HEAT 2.—H. B. Glyn and N. L. Phillips, 1; C. A. B. Malden and H. C. Hanbury 2; R. N. Waterhouse and R. W. Prinhard Jones, 3. Time, 11 min. 8 sec.

HEAT 3.—R. C. Tinne and W. H. G. Baird, 1; I. H. J. Nickols and Hon. M. A. Rufus Isaacs, 2; G. V. Hoare and F. W. W. Gemberton, 3. Time, 11 min.

HEAT 4.—D. E. Fielden and J. Innes, 1; C. F. Barker and M. H. Cardiff, 2; J. W. R. Woodroffe and A. L. T. Bonham, 3. Time, 11 min. 4 sec.

FINAL.—R. C. Tinne and W. H. G. Baird, 1; D. E. Fielden and J. Innes, 2; N. L. Phillips and H. B. Glyn, 3; W. G. Gordon and A. J. Marsden, 4. Won by ¾ length, 2 lengths between second and third. Time, 10 min. 24 sec.

THIS WHITSUN — WHAT SHALL WE DO?



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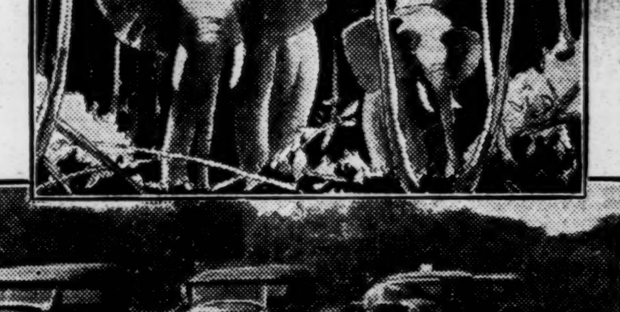

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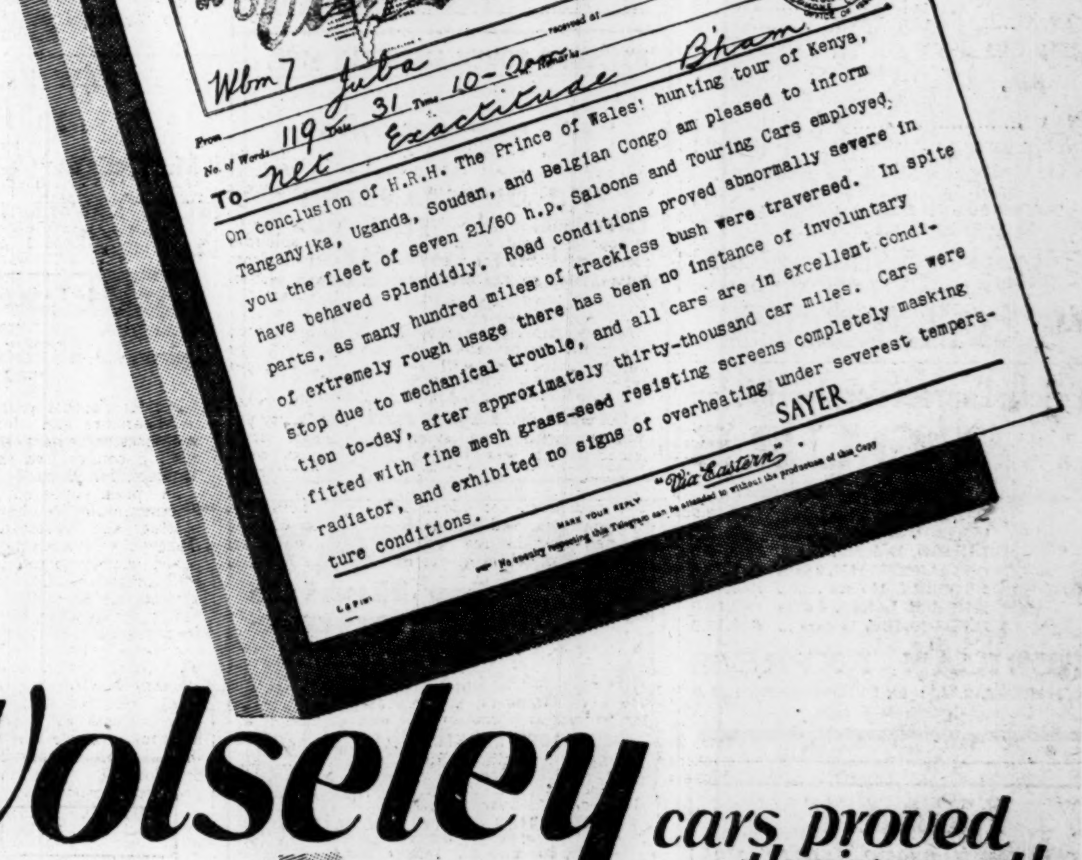

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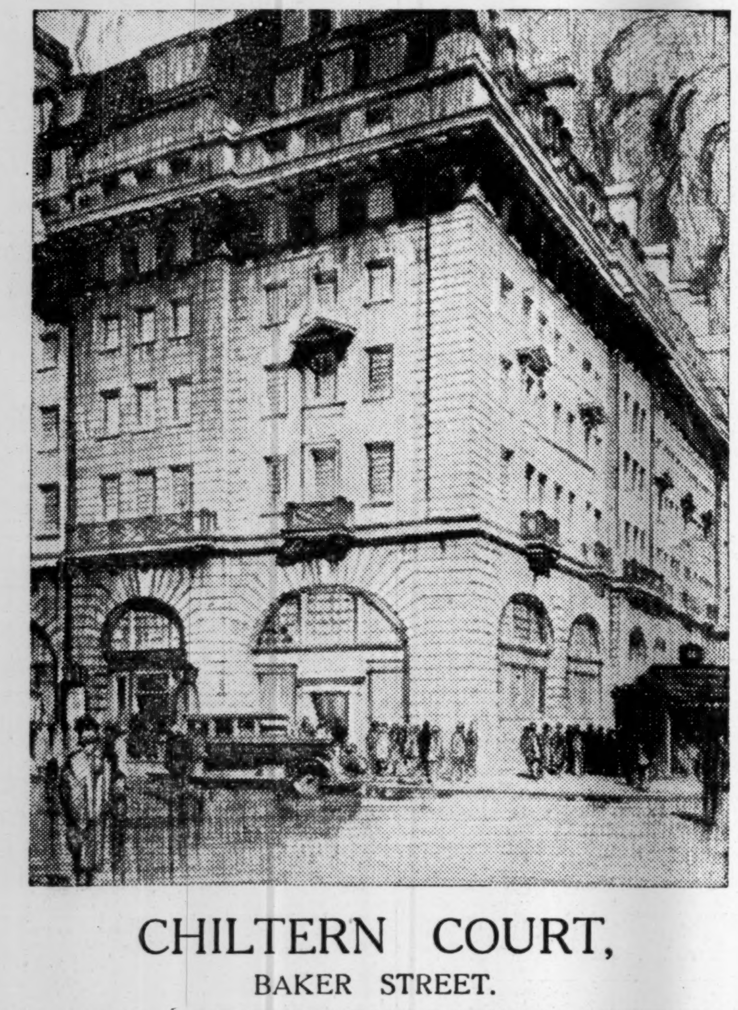

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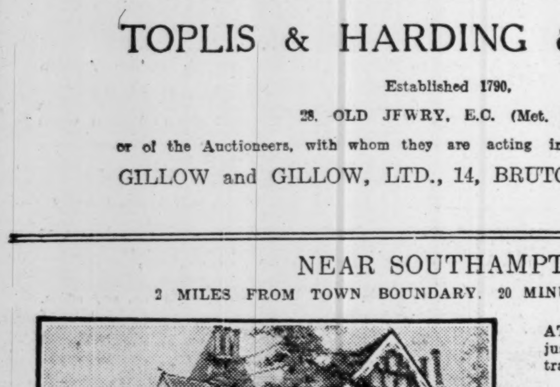

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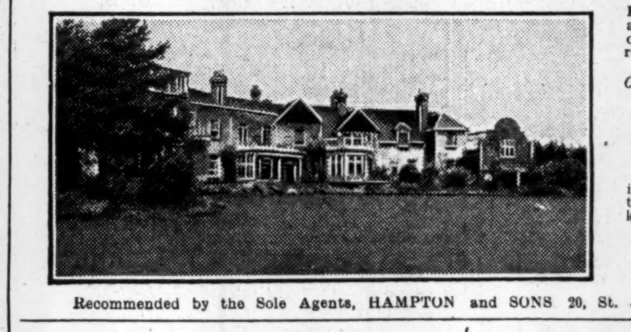

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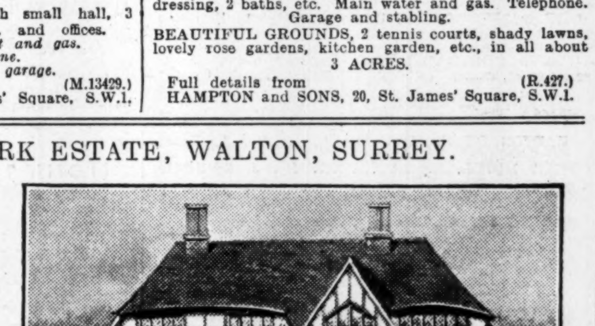

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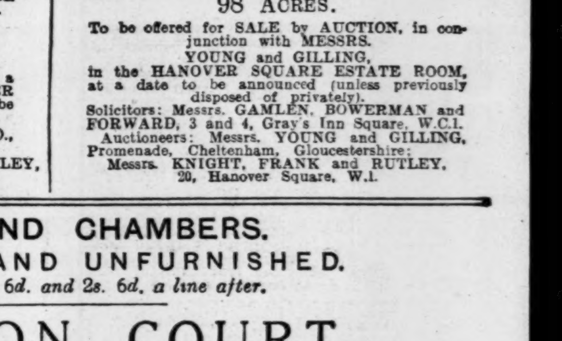

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